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BIG INTERESTS LIFT LOWEST PRICES IN HISTORY.

COLOMBO'S NEW PLAN.

New York, Mar. 7. Rubber prices took a spectacular nose-dive on the rubber market today following the receipt of Reuter cables from Singapore and Colombo announcing the growth of sentiment in producing circles in favour of the abolition of restriction.

The market was swamped with selling orders. All futures were sold at the lowest levels in the history of the rubber exchange, and the market recovered from thirty to seventy points before noon on short covering and buying by strong interests.

The collapse of crude rubber has been accompanied by a weakness in prominent rubber shares which dropped from two to six points.

Rubber Pool's Huge Losses.

The dealers estimate that the American rubber pool formed in 1926 for the purpose of stabilising prices and assuring a sufficient supply of crude rubber has lost about £4,600,000 on the fifty thousand tons of rubber which it is believed to have had in hand.—Reuter.

Colombo's New Plan.

Colombo, Mar. 7. Unless the present defects of the rubber restriction scheme can be overcome and can be applied as compulsory on an equal basis in all the rubber-producing countries in the East, the Stevenson scheme should be replaced by a "really comprehensive scheme providing for the adequate control of supplies."

This was the burden of opinion at the Ceylon Estate Proprietary Association meeting held to-day, the Association representing practically the whole of the rubber industry of European ownership in Ceylon.

The meeting drew up a memorandum to the Civil Research Committee in regard to the scheme, suggesting the imposition of a special duty of equivalent value, to be levied on all rubber exported by all countries producing plantation rubber.

The Colombo owners state that the proceeds of this special duty should be made available for the purchase of rubber in countries of production as long as the market price is below the pivotal price, and the rubber purchased to be utilised as stock to ensure a constant and sufficient supply.—Reuter.

Malayan Ballot.

Colombo, Mar. 7. The chairman of the Ceylon Merchants Chamber addressing the annual meeting, said the Chamber had reported to the Government that it was desirable to lift rubber restriction almost immediately, adding "We are left behind, and an individual effort with any necessary corporate action within Ceylon seems the wiser course."—Reuter.

Singapore, Mar. 7. Of seventy-two replies to a questionnaire by the Singapore Chamber of Commerce, forty-seven favoured the removal of restriction of rubber output, conditionally or unconditionally.

The remainder voted for a continuance of the present scheme, with or without modifications.—Reuter.

TRAGIC MOB RUSH AT GIBRALTAR.

SPANISH TROOPS FIRE ON UNRULY CROWD.

Gibraltar, March 7. The strictness of the Customs searches at La Linea, of Spaniards returning from Gibraltar, led to tragic consequences to-day.

A crowd of several thousands, mostly women and children, many carrying small quantities of groceries, attempted to rush the Custom's barriers. The disturbance grew apace, and troops were called out, firing on the crowd. Two were killed and several wounded, while the terror-stricken crowd swarmed back to Gibraltar.—Reuter.

MORE COMMUNIST TERRORISM.

WHOLE FAMILIES TORTURED BEFORE DEATH.

HORRIBLE DETAILS.

Hankow, Mar. 8. Details from Chinese sources of the massacre by peasant Communists and disbanded soldiers at Leiyang show that their first act on entering the city was to set fire to all the houses of well-to-do people. All the occupants, men, women and children, were forced to remain inside, and they all perished in the flames.

During the few days of Communist occupation, everybody in the city showing any appearance of prosperity was massacred, mostly after being tortured.

The gouging out of eyes, and the cutting off of ears were the most favoured of such tortures as can be described. Whole families were thus treated.

Children were compelled to watch their parents, and parents to watch their children being subjected to horrible mutilations prior to being finally slaughtered.

The bulk of the female population who were unable to flee were subjected to unmentionable tortures before being put to death. Anti-Communist troops despatched from Hangchow have now occupied Leiyang, after the Communists had withdrawn towards the Kwangtung border, where there are reports of further massacres.

A number of foreign missionaries is known to be in the Leiyang area, and their fate is unknown.—Reuter.

IMPERIAL DAUGHTER SUCCUMBS.

EMPEROR OF JAPAN'S HEAVY LOSS.

Tokyo, Mar. 8. The Emperor of Japan's youngest child, the Princess Hisa, who has been ill since the latter part of February, succumbed at 3:38 a.m. this morning, of septicaemia. The Emperor and Empress were at the bedside and most of the Princes and Princesses were at the Palace.

There is no official mourning for an Imperial child under the age of seven, except for the Crown Prince. Neither will there be any public mourning.

Household officials will formulate the funeral arrangements later under the Shinto rites, after which the remains will be interred at Asakawa, near Tokyo, where the late Emperor Taisho is buried.

The Empress, despite many sleepless nights by the bedside of her child, is reported to be bearing up well.—Reuter.

TRAGIC FRACAS NEAR BOMBAY.

DISPUTE BETWEEN PATHANS AND GHURKHAS.

Bombay, March 7. A terrible fracas between Pathans and Ghurkhas on the Bombay-Poona railway line occurred yesterday, according to a telegraphic message from Khanada, as the result of which six workers were killed and over forty, including many Ghurkha women and children, are in hospital with injuries of various kinds.

The outbreak arose out of an old dispute between the Pathans and Ghurkhas engaged on railroad construction, and was the culmination of a series of previous quarrels.—Reuter.

YANGTSZE PIRATE THREAT.

TO REMOVE RIVER MARKINGS.

Ichang, Mar. 7. Some time ago, pirates were responsible for the removal of the River Inspector and his staff, and they have now expressed their intention of removing the mast buoys and bamboo in the river so that ships will run aground.

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WAR ON SWABUE SOVIET.

BIG SUCCESSES BY CANTON ARMY.

COMMUNISTS DRIVEN FROM CHIEF CENTRES.

FLIGHT TO MOUNTAINS

Swatow, Mar. 6.

From all accounts, the encircling movement which is being carried out against the Hui-luk Pung Communists is meeting with considerable success.

The activity of the Navy on the coast has driven the Communists from the port towns of Swabue and Kit-chieh; probably too by now they have entered Kit-chieh.

Pressure is being exercised on the front from the south, and, if some reports are to be believed, an advance has been made on Hoi-fung, leading to the retreat north and west of the Communist forces.

On the west, the Communists have encountered the troops from Ho-pho, and, in an engagement near Li-on, have met with a severe reverse. They were lured out to meet an apparently small force of soldiers, and were caught in an ambush, a large party taking them in the rear and inflicting heavy casualties.

Means Business.

It really looks as if Marshal Li Chin-sum's Government means business, and if a number of aeroplanes can be added to the troops, the papers have indeed announced that they are to be used, but there is so far no confirmation of this than the headquarters of the Soviet may be taken.

Some relief to the commissariat problem has been found by the carrying of large quantities of rice from Swatow to the front.

General Chan Chai-tong's headquarters at Ho-pho have issued strict regulations as to the conduct of the campaign, calling on the people for whole-hearted assistance to the Army. They are required to give all information possible as to the whereabouts of the Communists, their numbers, ammunition, and so on, and dire penalties are proclaimed for failure to give such information, concealment of arms, and other offences.

Embarrassment.

While the deliverance of the countryside is urgent, and strong measures have to be taken, many of the poor village folk are likely to find themselves in great difficulty. The Soviet policy was directed to involving as many of the common people as possible, and numbers assisted them under duress. It will be hard to distinguish between thorough-going Communists and those who so acted, and it is to be feared that many will suffer.

The kind of embarrassment likely to arise is typified by the case of the Christian chapels which have been taken as headquarters by the Peasants' Union. These have been painted red, and, when the punitive expedition arrives, will be burnt to the ground unless the military are previously persuaded to exercise the discrimination necessary in the circumstances.

Our Own Correspondent.

Good News.

The good news that that part of the Hoi-fung district which is between Bins Bay and Swatow, including the city, has been captured by the Army of General Chan Chai-tong reached Canton yesterday. For several months, Hoi-fung and Lukfung have been occupied by Communist bandits, who have massacred the rich, burned down houses and confiscated much property. As a result of the "Red" reign, more than 50,000 Chinese refugees are known to have fled to Hongkong and Canton within the past months.

The news that a good part of Hoi-fung was taken by the 82nd Regiment of Chan Chai-tong's Army was published in the Canton press yesterday. Reports say that when the Government troops assaulted the doomed city, the "Reds" inside offered some resistance, and in subsequent fighting a few hundred of the Communist troops perished on the field. When the city was finally taken, the Canton Army claimed

LIBERAL GAIN AT ST. IVES.

LADY TAKES SEAT FROM CONSERVATIVES.

TRIANGULAR FIGHT.

London, Mar. 7. The result of the bye-election in the St. Ives Division of Cornwall, caused by the elevation of the sitting member, Mr. J. A. Hawke (Conservative) to a judgeship, resulted as follows:

Mrs. Runciman (Lib.) ... 10,241

Sir Andrew Child (Cons.) ... 4,478

Mr. Hopkins (Lab.) ... 4,343

Liberal majority 703

This is a Liberal gain.—Reuter.

At the General Election there was a straight fight between Mr. Hawke (Conservative) and Sir Clifford Cory (Liberal), the former polling 11,159 and the latter 9,772.

It will thus be seen that the Conservative vote has declined by 1,681 and the Liberal poll has increased by 269.

Joins Husband in Parliament.

The new lady M. P. is the wife of the Right Hon. Mr. Walter Runciman, the well-known shipping magnate and former Cabinet Minister in Liberal administrations. Before her marriage, she was Miss Hilda Stevenson, a daughter of Mr. J. C. Stevenson, a former M.P. for South Shields.

Mrs. Runciman will now join her husband in Parliament, as he sits in the Liberal interest for Swansea. This is, we believe, the first occasion on which a husband and wife have both sat in Parliament at the same time.

MIDDLESBROUGH POLLS.

Labour's Bold Bid For Seat.

London, Mar. 7. The bye-election at Middlesbrough (West), created by the death of Mr. Trevelyan Thomson (Liberal), resulted as follows:

Mr. Kinsley Griffith (Lib.) ... 10,717

Mr. Ellis (Labour) ... 10,628

Mr. Stanley Sadler (Cons.) ... 8,213

Liberal majority 89

At the last General Election, the late Mr. Trevelyan Thomson was returned unopposed.—Reuter.

Bye-Election Analysis.

Middlesbrough is the 41st bye-election since the General Election, and the following Party figures of losses and gains make exceptionally interesting reading:

No. Gains. Losses. Change.

Cons 1 10 21

Labour 7 1 6

Liberal 4 2 3

The only Conservative gain was at the Combined University bye-election at the expense of the Liberals, while the only Labour loss was North Southwark to the Liberals.

MR. CURTIS WILBUR PUZZLED.

CANNOT UNDERSTAND BRITISH NAVAL POLICY.

U.S. POINT OF VIEW.

New York, Mar. 7.

Mr. Curtis Wilbur, the Navy Secretary, defended the Coolidge Administration's proposal for a \$40,000,000 naval programme in the course of a strong speech at Bay City, Michigan, to-day.

He stated that the Administration's statement that war between Britain and the United States was already outlawed in the hearts of the people of both countries.

He expressed the opinion, however, that the British attitude was inconsistent. It was difficult to reconcile the conviction that war was outlawed with the British unwillingness to recognise America's rights to build a limited number of the type of ships she desired, or with the British willingness to risk the success of the Geneva Conference.

The Americans at Geneva had never been able to reconcile the conception of the absolute naval needs stressed by the British representatives, with negotiations for a treaty fixing limitations of a basis of mutual concessions.—Reuter.

British Preference.

The American preference is also reflected in the League's decision to re-investigate at intervals of two years from the date of the League's decision. The Article concerning occupation is also put in its present form pending a future treaty in which Egypt would be entrusted with the protection of British interests.

French Oil Reserve.

Paris, March 7. The Chamber has passed a Bill regulating the importation of oil with a view to the creation of a national reserve of oil against possible emergencies.—Reuter.

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JAPAN AMBITIOUS.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Mar. 8. Mr. Hwang Fu, the Nationalist Foreign Minister, in an interview, declared that whilst the treaties with Peking are technically valid, they were at the same time humiliating to the national dignity.

The Nationalists were striving for the abrogation or the revision of the treaties by negotiation.

They would not, however, recognise loans to the present Peking Government.

The Japanese, he declared, were entertaining wild ambitions in China, and were bolstering Chang Tsao-lin, and the Nationalists were unable to extend their sympathy unless Japan abstained from dispatching troops to Shantung.

Britain, he agreed, was manifesting a desire to deal fairly, and Britain would find that the Nationalists were prepared to reciprocate.

As far as America was concerned, Mr. Hwang Fu said he felt certain that America was lukewarm, though this he also felt was merely pending the settlement of the Nanking incidents.

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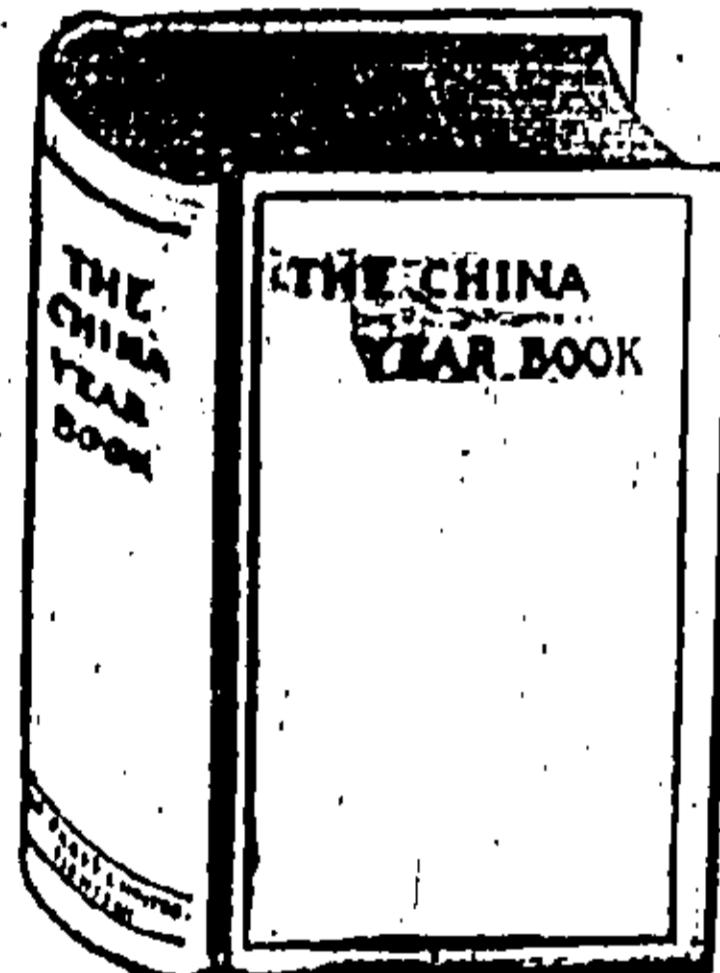
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MORE SEDITION.

COMMUNISTS ON TRIAL IN SINGAPORE.

Documents produced in the Third Police Court at Singapore, in another case of possession of sedition literature proved that the Police have disclosed an attempt to establish in Singapore branch of the Communist Party of China. One of these documents spoke of the formation of a committee and mentioned the name Cheong Yok Kai as the representative who was to be sent. Cheong Yok Kai, it was stated by Mr. Pritivi Chand of the Criminal Investigation Department, was the Chinese who was now charged with shooting at Dr. Lim Boon Keng and who had confessed to an attempt to assassinate Dr. C. C. Wu.

The accused was a Hylam employed by Mr. Samy, the lawyer, in the capacity of a cook, and the various documents in respect of which he is charged, were discovered in his room.

Opening the case Mr. N. H. P. Whitley said that the accused was arrested on February 22. When the Inspector entered his room he was seen hiding one of the alleged sedition publications.

Giving evidence, Mr. Pritivi Chand of the C.I.D. produced the various documents. The book which the accused attempted to conceal was a copy of the *Labour Vanguard*. There were passages in it dealing with the celebration of the anniversary of Lenin. Another document found referred to the formation of South Seas Provisional Committee of the Communist Party of China. This document mentioned the name of Dr. C. C. Wu's would-be assassin.

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The accused was committed for trial before the next Assizes.

RIVAL WORKERS.

OPPOSED TO CANTON'S UNEMPLOYED.

Recently a labour dispute has arisen between labourers of Hongkong and those of Canton, says a Chinese press report. Following the Red coup in Canton in December, business in Canton was hard hit, and subsequently many of the workers were thrown out of employment, especially employees of the teahouses, native banks, tailor shops, and labourers who worked in the markets in Canton.

Many of these unemployed are known to have arrived in Hongkong to seek work, and this has caused much discontent among local labourers. A few days ago, local labour unions made appeals to their employers demanding that if there be any vacancies in any of the Chinese shops and firms in Hongkong, the owners should see to it that they employ Hongkong workers first. Some of the unions, as in the case of the Teahouse Employees' Association, have sent representatives to Canton to prevent any more of the unemployed from coming down here.

The same report adds that at Canton at present there are tens of thousands of workers who are idle.

MORTGAGE APPEAL ENDS.

FINAL SUBMISSIONS FOR THE APPELLANTS.

The business before the Full Court of Appeal in Hongkong was concluded yesterday when, after a hearing covering a period of four and a half days, the mortgage case was brought to conclusion and judgment was reserved. The judges were the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan (President), Sir Peter Grain, Judge of the Supreme Court of China, and the Presiding Judge, Mr. Justice Wood.

The mortgage case was one in which Loo Kwong-lam, and Loo Kwong-hin, 57, "Caine" Road, formerly minors but now of age, appealed against a judgment delivered in the court below by Mr. Justice Wood for the setting aside of a mortgage. The respondents were Li Koon-chun, and Wo Fat-shing, 81, Wing Lok Street, and Kan Tong-ye, Chief Manager of the Bank of East Asia in Hongkong.

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Age Representation.

Reverting to the "chest tapping" incident, when Lam was stated by Leung Wing-cheung to have tapped his chest in a solicitor's office and declared he was of age, Mr. Potter said there was no evidence that the alleged representation was ever communicated to the defendants at all. In fact the evidence showed the reverse. All the parties were present on that occasion but Leung was the only witness who deposed to it. Neither of the defendants spoke about it. Mr. Potter submitted that there was literally no evidence of it and that Leung could be "wiped out" of the picture.

Continuing on the point of representation of age, Mr. Potter said the only allegation against Lam was that Sung said in his (Lam's) hearing that he was of age. Mr. Potter submitted that they could not find that that was an "express" representation.

New Trials.

Dealing with the motion for a new trial Mr. Potter went on to say if the court considered that Leung Wing-cheung had disappeared from the picture there was no question of a new trial. His submission was that Leung had clearly disappeared as far as the plaintiffs were concerned. The

TELEVISION TEST.

SHIP'S OPERATOR SEEKS HIS FIANCÉE.

London, Mar. 7. Miss Dora Seeley, living in London, was surprised to get a request "Come at once, your fiance wants to see you."

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only interest they had left in him, so far as the judgment was concerned, was that he was accepted by the judge as being a witness who proved that the deed of release was interpreted and that over half an hour was taken in the interpretation.

Leung did not affect the plaintiff. Him and therefore there was no question of a new trial, but in case their Lordships should find that Leung did not so disappear he would revert back to his old position.

Interview With Judge.

Continuing Mr. Potter referred to the interview between Mr. D. H. Blake and Mr. Justice Wood in chambers before the judgment was delivered. Mr. Potter said it was true that Mr. Jenkins had told him (Mr. Potter) in the most casual way that the interview had taken place. He was told that two days before he departed from the Colony on leave. Rightly or wrongly he gave it no further thought at the time and thought it was confidential, so much so, that he did not tell Mr. Sheldon, his junior counsel or Mr. Bruton. "I thought it was one of those little confidences that sometimes pass across the bar counter."

When he did think of it afterwards, Mr. Potter continued, he came to the conclusion, rightly or wrongly, that there was nothing he could do in any event. Judgment was reserved and the judge had claimed the right to see Mr. Blinde after he had reserved judgment. It might have been practical check on him (Mr. Potter's) part to try to ascertain whether that was so or not. The judge might have said "What has it got to do with you? I am doing what I am entitled to do."

The only thing was that if the interview was a mistake in law it had to be dealt with by the Court of Appeal as it was the only court that could deal with it. There was no uncertainty really. They had only to read Mr. Blinde's statement as to whether the incident had any effect on the judge's mind or not, but if there was any uncertainty then there was the very simple way out of asking the judge. He would tell them at once but they would not communicate the answer to him (Mr. Potter). So that, if there was any uncertainty, they had a way of getting an answer.

Mr. Potter's submission was while he quite appreciated the motive which might have induced the judge to do what he did, it might have deprived him (Mr. Potter) of the most substantial argument. He ought not to be deprived of that right and if the trial judge gave up that criticism after interviewing Mr. Blinde, it was an event in the case and would compel the Court of Appeal to order a new trial on the issue of fraud. In view of what had been said that morning, however, he did think their Lordships would be troubled with that point.

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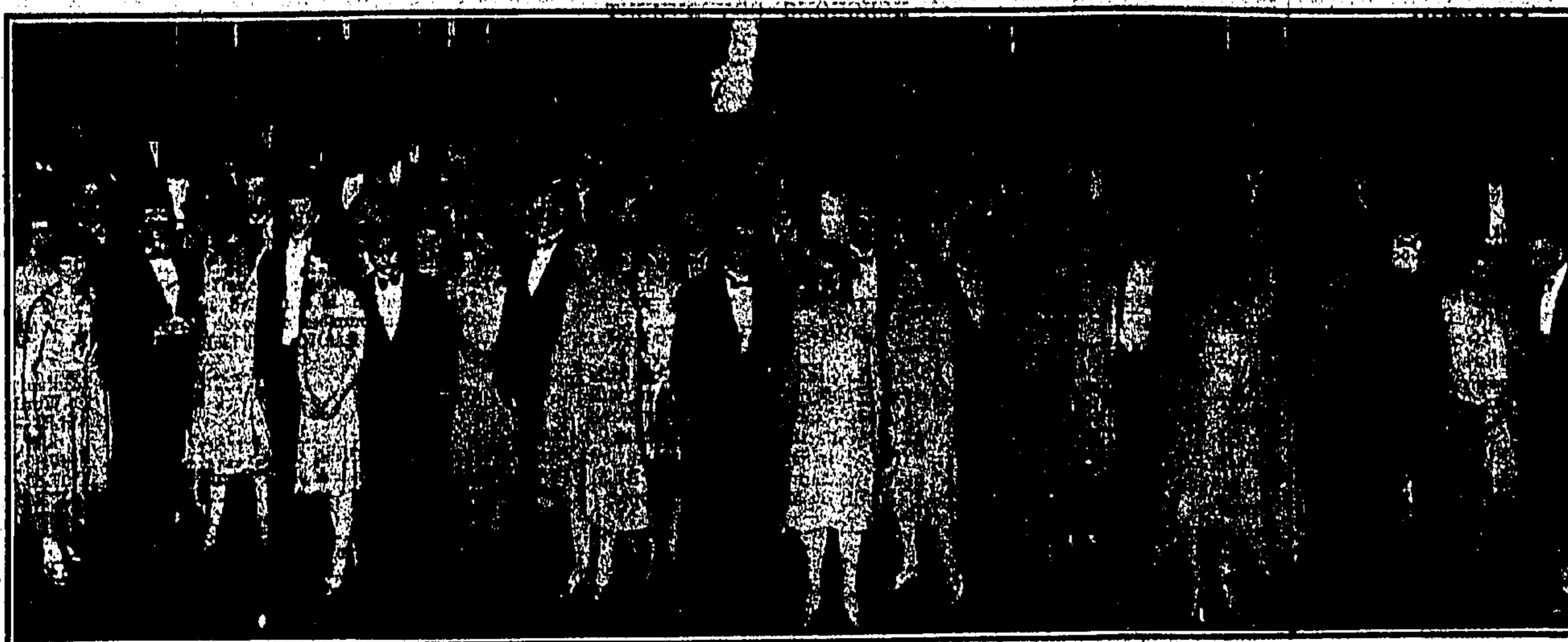
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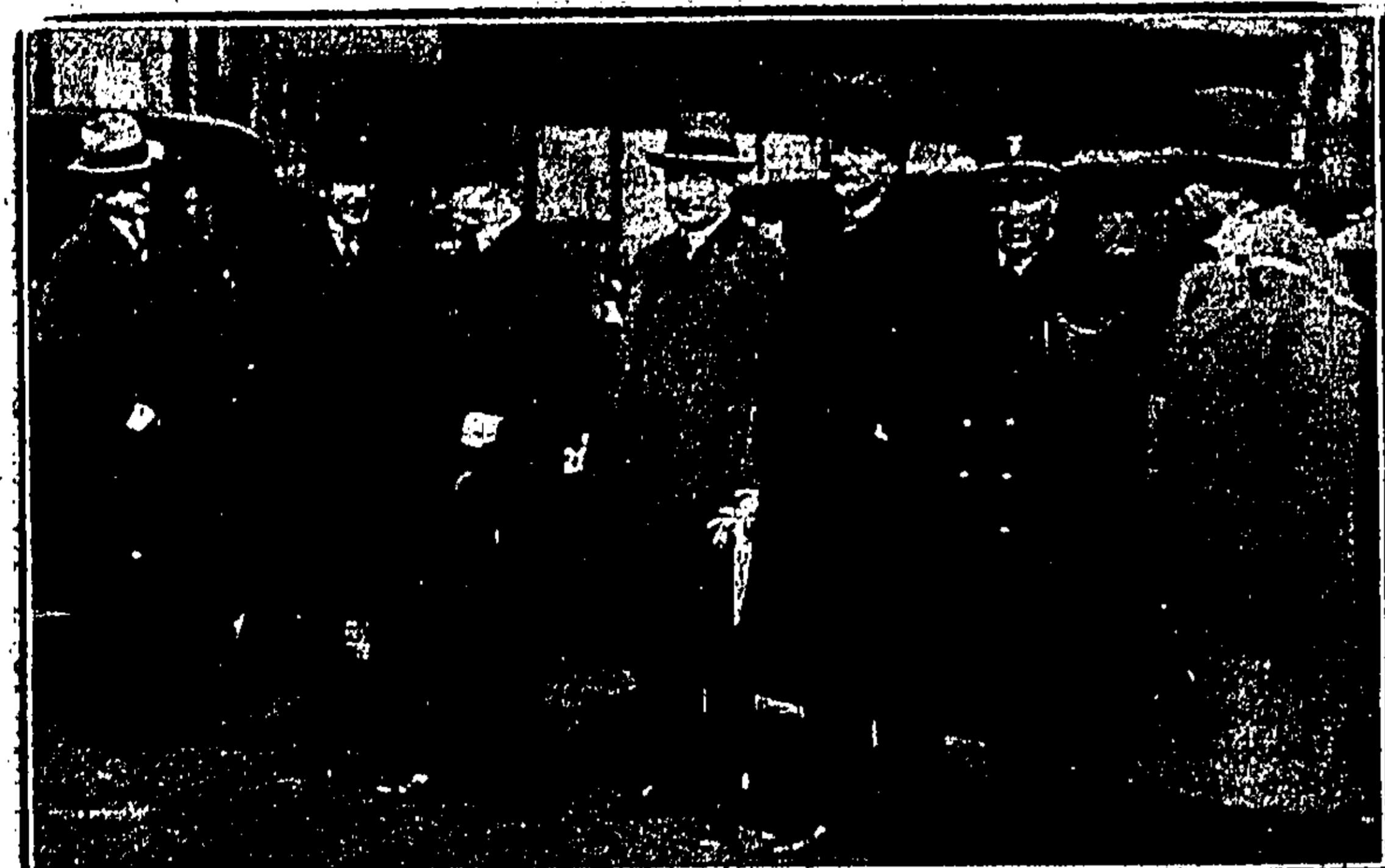


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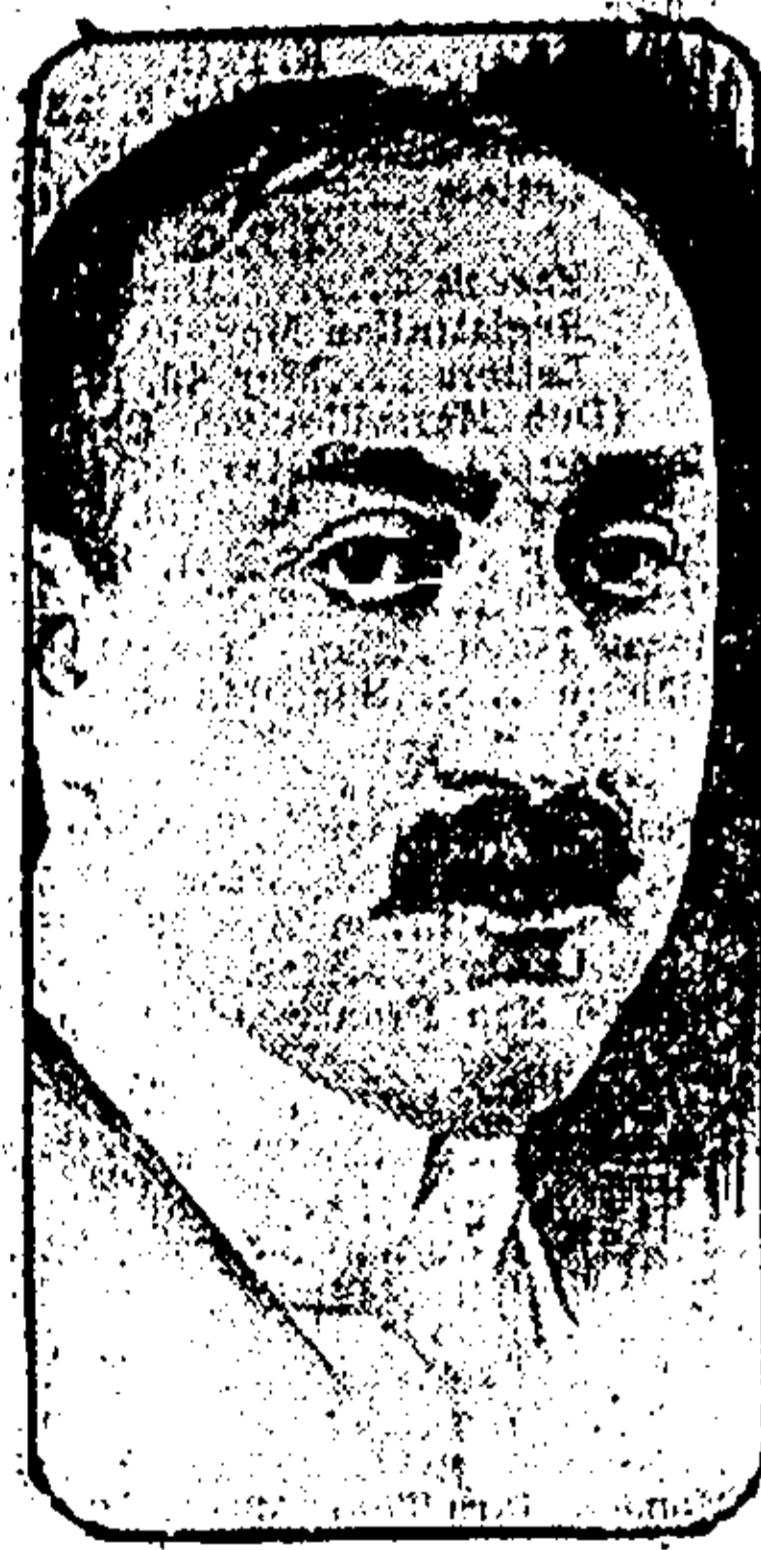
A general view of the crowd which attended the Washington Birthday Ball at the Majestic Hotel, Shanghai. Consul General Edwin S. Cunningham and Mrs. Cunningham were the chief hosts.



Governor General Stimson and his party arriving at the Shanghai Customs Jetty where they were met by the American Consul-General and members of the American Chamber of Commerce. Governor General Stimson appears the third from the left in the picture.



Advantage was taken of the fine weather and fair going by the Shanghai American Troop last week when a section ride was held. Above are seen some of the entrants.



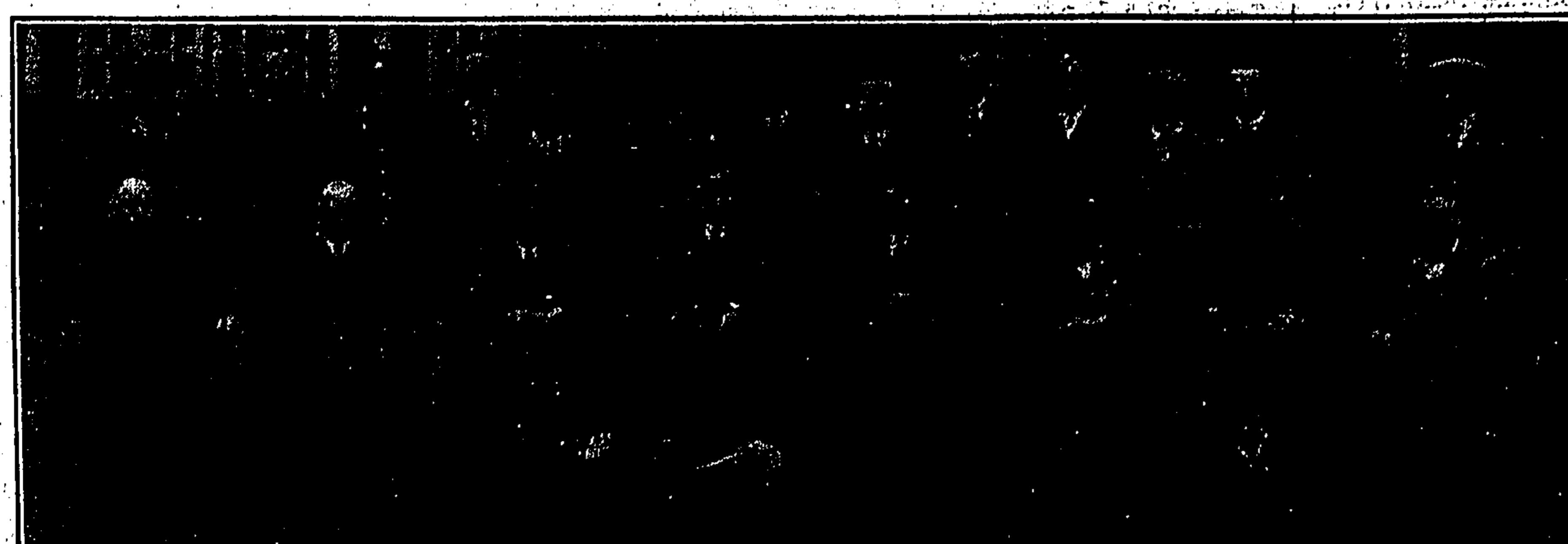
Magic lantern exhibitions started William Fox on his moving picture career in Brooklyn 25 years ago. Through a recent deal involving hundreds of millions he increased his movie holdings from 40 to 340 theatres and plans to build 25 new ones at a cost of \$150,000,000.



Bridal group taken after the wedding last week in Shanghai, of Mr. Eduard W. Eickhoff, son of the late F. Eickhoff, of Hanover, and Mrs. Marrie Emerich.



Judge J. J. Trabucco of Mariposa county, California, the judge who sentenced William Edward Hickman to death on the charge of murdering Marian Parker. Judge Trabucco (above), a veteran jurist, was chosen after charges of prejudice had been preferred against Judge Hardy.



A group taken on the occasion of the final of the Junior Golf Club championship at Hongkew Park, Shanghai, when Mr. A. Mackintosh defeated Mr. T. W. Mitchell in a close match. Mr. C. H. Hopkins, captain of the club, is seen seated in the centre of the group, with Mr. Mackintosh on his right and Mr. Mitchell on his left, facing the camera.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Second Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 17th March, 1928, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Company's Town Office, 2 Lower Albert Road, on SATURDAY, 10th MARCH, 1928, at noon; for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending December, 1927, declaring a Dividend and re-electing Directors and Auditors. Entries will close at 12 o'clock noon on Monday, 12th March, 1928.

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY.
WEEKLY PUBLIC LECTURES.
at
THE LODGE, 7, DUDDELL ST.
Thursday, March 8th
6.00 p.m.

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THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at P. and O. Building, Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong, at 12.00 o'clock in the afternoon, on FRIDAY, the 16th day of March, 1928, for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, passing the following Resolution as an Extraordinary Resolution:

"That the capital of the Company be increased from its present capital of \$3,000,000 (Hongkong Currency) divided into 300,000 shares of \$10 each to \$6,000,000 (Hongkong Currency) divided into 600,000 shares of \$10 each and that such additional shares shall rank in all respects pari passu with the original capital of the Company."

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that a further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the same place at 12.30 o'clock in the afternoon, on MONDAY, the SECOND DAY of April, 1928, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, confirming the above Resolution as a Special Resolution.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that a further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the same place on MONDAY the SECOND DAY of April, 1928, at 12.40 o'clock in the afternoon or so soon thereafter as the above Meeting shall have terminated for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following Resolutions, namely:

1. "That the Directors be, and they are hereby authorised, to capitalise the sum of \$1,500,000 profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund and to allot to the members holding shares of the Company as on the 1st day of July, 1928, in respect of the net amount capitalised, fully paid shares of the Company of equivalent nominal value in the proportion of one share for every two shares of the Company then held by such persons respectively and that such shares so allotted shall rank for dividends as from the 1st day of July, 1928."

2. "That if, on such distribution as aforesaid, any person would be entitled to a fraction of a share, the Directors shall, in lieu of issuing fractional certificates, cause the whole share to be allotted to a person or persons to be named by the Directors and such share may, at such time as the Directors think fit, be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the persons entitled to the fractions making up the share."

Dated the 3rd day of March, 1928.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD,
GIBB LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,
Agents.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

REVISED DATES OF EXTRA MEETINGS 1928.

17th March.

7th and 9th April.

5th May.

26th and 28th May.

6th and 8th October.

10th November.

1st December.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

THE DAIRY FARM ICE & COLD STORAGE CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

Notice is hereby given that the THIRTY-SECOND Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders in the above Company will be held at the Company's Town Office, 2 Lower Albert Road, on SATURDAY, 10th MARCH, 1928, at noon; for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending December, 1927, declaring a Dividend and re-electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from the 1st to 10th March, 1928, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

M. MANUK
Secretary.

Hongkong, 23rd February, 1928.

NOTICE.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

NOTICE is hereby given that ANDREW HARPER & SON have ceased to be the authorized dealers of this Company for Hongkong and South China as from the 26th day of January, 1928.

FORD MOTOR CO.

NOTICE.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

NOTICE is hereby given that WALLACE HARPER & CO., LTD. have been appointed our authorised dealers for Hongkong and South China as from the 1st day of February, 1928.

FORD MOTOR CO.

NOTICE.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

NOTICE is hereby given that SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers, Hongkong, 1st March, 1928.

FORD MOTOR CO.

NOTICE.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

The FIFTY-NINTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS WILL BE HELD AT THE OFFICES OF THE UNDER-SIGNED ON MONDAY, THE 26TH MARCH, 1928, AT NOON, FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING THE REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGERS, TOGETHER WITH A STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1927.

The SHARE REGISTER AND TRANSFER BOOKS WILL BE CLOSED FROM THE 12TH TO THE 26TH MARCH, 1928, BOTH DAYS INCLUSIVE.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

R. M. DYER,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 6th March, 1928.

COMPRISE:-

Blackwood Tables, Teapots, Pedestals, Joss Tables, Stools, Teak Clothes Hangers, Iron and Teak Bedsteads, Dressing Tables, Washstands, Wardrobes, Armchairs, Couches, Dining Tables, Dining Chairs, Sideboards, Dinner Wagons, Ice Chests, Crockery, Glass Ware, Cutlery, Cooking Utensils, Stoves, Teak Counters, Pictures, Pots and Plants, Rattan Chairs, Carpet Runners, Toilet Sets, etc., etc., etc.

On view on Day of Sale.

TERMS:-Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT HROS., Auctioneers.

Hongkong, March 6, 1928.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

on WEDNESDAY,

the 14th March, 1928, commencing at 2.45 p.m. at No. 465, The Peak, Barker Road.

A Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture.

(Particulars from Catalogue).

On View from Tuesday, the 13th March, 1928.

TERMS:-Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT HROS., Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 24th, Feb., 1928.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

on THURSDAY,

the 15th March, 1928, commencing at 2.30 p.m. at their Sales Room, Duddell Street.

A Valuable Collection of Curios.

COMPRISE:-

Five Coloured Vases, Blackwood Joas Table, Carved Lacquer Vases, Porcelain Table Screens, Crystal Ornaments, Jade Vases and Birds, Ivory Figures, Porcelain Flower Bowls, Plates, Bronze Gongs, Embroidered Mandarin Gongs, Valances and Hangings, Chinese Hand Paintings, Lacquered Cupboards, Trunks, etc., etc.

Catalogues will be issued.

On View from Wednesday, the 14th March, 1928.

TERMS:-Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT HROS., Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 8th March, 1928.

LAMMERT HROS., AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

on FRIDAY,

the 9th March, 1928, commencing at 2.30 p.m. at their Sales Room, Duddell Street.

A Large Quantity of Valuable

Office and Household Furniture.

COMPRISE:-

Teak Bookcases, Filing Cabinets,

Decks, Hatstand with Mirror,

Chesterfield Couch and Armchair,

Silver Cabinet, Leather Covered

Chairs, Egyptian Carpets and

Rugs, Oil Paintings, Pictures,

Ornaments, China Wares, etc., etc.

Teak Dining Tables and Chairs,

Sideboards with Mirrors, Dinner

Waggons, Ice Chests, Dinner Service,

Glass Ware, Cooking Utensils,

Cutlery, etc., etc.

Brass, Iron and Teak Bedsteads

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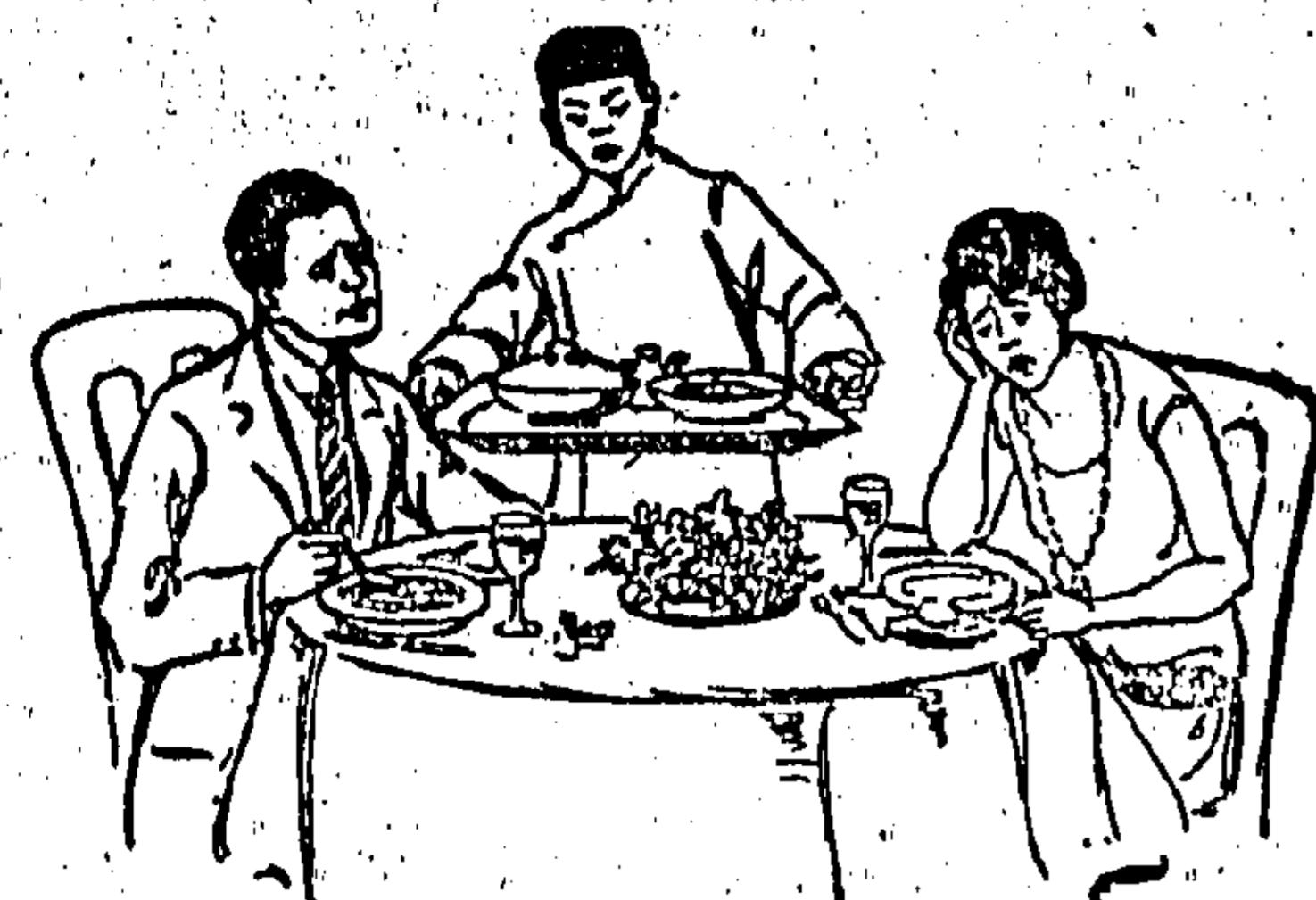
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1 Remington Typewriter.

2 Telescopes.

1 "Kok"



WHEN FOOD REPELS.

It happens to many in the Far East to experience at some time or other a marked loss of appetite accompanied by a sense of general uneasiness. Especially is this so in the Tropics, where the everlasting humid heat severely taxes the vitality even of the strongest. Not only does food cease to attract, even the thought of eating repels; cheerfulness gives way to depression, energy becomes pale, the face thin and wan; as often as not back-pains, loss of weight, pains behind the eyes, headaches, nervousness, a disinclination for society, are among the symptoms experienced. In the case of women other irregularities of health are also noticeable, troubles characteristic of their sex.

Anæmia, or weak, watery blood, is the chief cause of loss of appetite, digestive troubles, and those other symptoms just described. It is one of the most prevalent maladies in the Far East, where

climatic conditions and low nourishing food values, predispose to its development.

Are you anaemic? Are your eyes dull, your lips and gums, the inside lining of your eye-lids pale? Do you lack spirit, brightness, energy? Does your heart beat too fast when you run up-stairs? Is your hand unsteady? Do you grow tired too soon? If you have any of these symptoms your chief and immediate need is a good tonic medicine, and the best of all nerve tonics and blood builders is Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. These Pills have a wonderful strengthening effect on faulty blood and exhausted nerves. Their world-wide fame has been built up on a remarkable record of cures of precisely such cases as yours.

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If the water is of the "hard" variety, add a spoonful of borax or ammonia. Bran, barley meal or oatmeal greatly improves the water, and all are particularly favourable for the skin. A handful of meal tied up in a muslin bag and placed in the bath while the water runs in is the best method of introducing it. The water would become unpleasantly thick if the paste were not confined in the bag.

Before the Dance.

Most of us use bath salts, but a change from the ordinary is often agreeable. A little eau de Cologne added to the hot water is fragrantly exhilarating if one is taking a dip before dressing for dinner or a dance.

Pine, too, is a fine thing when feeling a little anxious for invigoration.

Lavender water or indeed a few drops of any essence of perfume give a more strongly scented bath than ordinary bath salts.

Try squeezing a lemon into the water. The fragrance is very fresh, and the diffused juice has a cleansing effect on the skin.

The deliciously aromatic quality of herbs in hot water should suggest their use in the bath if one is tired of more cloying sweetness.

Lavender flowers, mint, thyme, or sage leaves may be tied up in muslin and steeped in boiling water for a little while until their characteristic aroma is infused into it. The liquid may then be added to the bath water.

One should lie relaxed in the warm perfumed water, an indiarubber air cushion under the head against the end of the bath, and gain the full benefit of the few minutes' ease and rest. Have voluminous warm towels ready, and rub down vigorously after stepping out.

A tepid shower is a good thing to follow a hot tub, especially if one intends to go out of doors or into a much cooler atmosphere soon after.

Tennis Socks.



These little white woolen socks with coloured borders are correct accessories for tennis wear.

Veils of 1928.

IN WHICH BEAUTY IS REVEALED.

The Monte Carlo veil of 1928 is a cunning thing that obviously expresses the people line—"more to reveal than conceal!" It is fragile beyond words and practically transparent; yet it exists in many dif-

Bride's Helmet.



Perhaps it's the influence of the flying rage, but the very latest bridal veil has a helmet arrangement of large pearls set in brilliants fastening under the chin in a most becoming aviatrix manner.

ferent forms. The popular veil of the moment comes under the heading "mush." But we also have veils of "floating" and "birdcage" order. The thin end of the wedge, but the thick end may be inserted before summer is with us!

Colour Chosen to Suit the Skin.

The beauty veil launched by a very great Parisian milliner, made of finest tulle shows a large "patch" at one side, so arranged that it falls just below the corner of the right eye. Black, dark blue, or violet tulle may be used, according to individual skin tints. There is a certain shade of violet—it is really almost violet—which goes splendidly with mat white skin and petunia red lips. On the other hand dark blue net is flattering to creamy skin dusky with carnation rouge—lip stick to match.

At Monte Carlo.

RIVIERA JEWEL FASHIONS.

At Monte Carlo, the newer type of quasi-precious jewellry is being exploited to a notable extent.

One night at the Cafe de Paris a well-known woman wore a wonderful sea green gown which had been specially designed to show off her new set of tourmaline and diamond ornaments; she had a cluster brooch perched on the left shoulder, a similar ornament with diamond fringes on her left hip, and one of the loveliest flat bracelets ever seen—quite three inches wide, with a background of small diamonds throwing into prominence three quite perfect sea-green tourmalines.

Another very lovely woman wore a gorgeous emerald green frock as a background for a very large, flat onyx pendant encrusted with crystal and emeralds.

Girls Men Prefer.

[By "Lady Kitty Vincent"]

In the days of my youth I was taught a little rhyme, which began:

Little Jane was as good as gold;
She always did as she was told.

The verses went on to extol Jane's merits, and we were told that:

When she grew up she was given
in marriage.
To a first-class earl who kept his carriage.

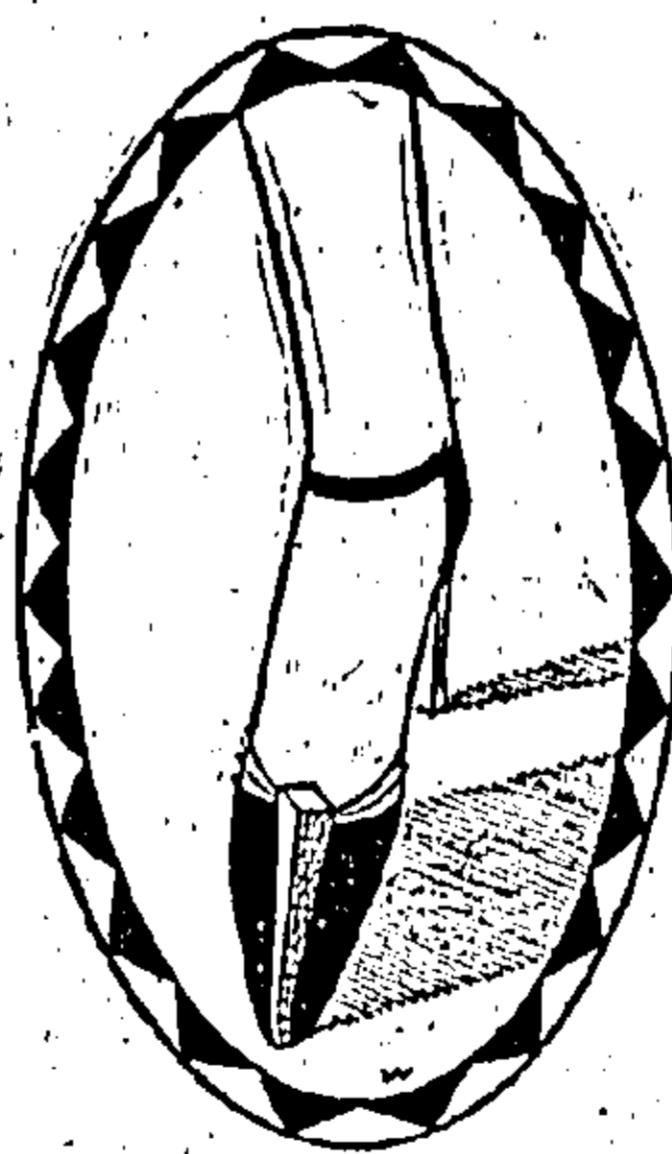
In those days virtue was evidently not its own sole reward, but I rather question whether nowadays Jane would have been such a success. I am not sure that she would not be a constant wallflower and remain a spinster to the end of her life while the "first-class earl" went off with a bright young thing in short skirts and very shiny silk stockings.

We are told that men like women whom they can respect and who will make good wives and mothers. Incidentally, we are taught to believe that baking and roasting are sure passports to a man's heart, and that he does not "respect" or marry the girls he dances and flirts with.

I am afraid that I remain coldly unconvinced. I think that, as always, demand creates the supply. If quiet, domesticated girls were the ones that men desired as wives the girls would be quick enough to adapt themselves to his wishes. In these days a man wants a girl to dance extremely well, to play a good game of tennis, and, above all, to be amusing. The fact that she is a good cook leaves him quite unmoved.

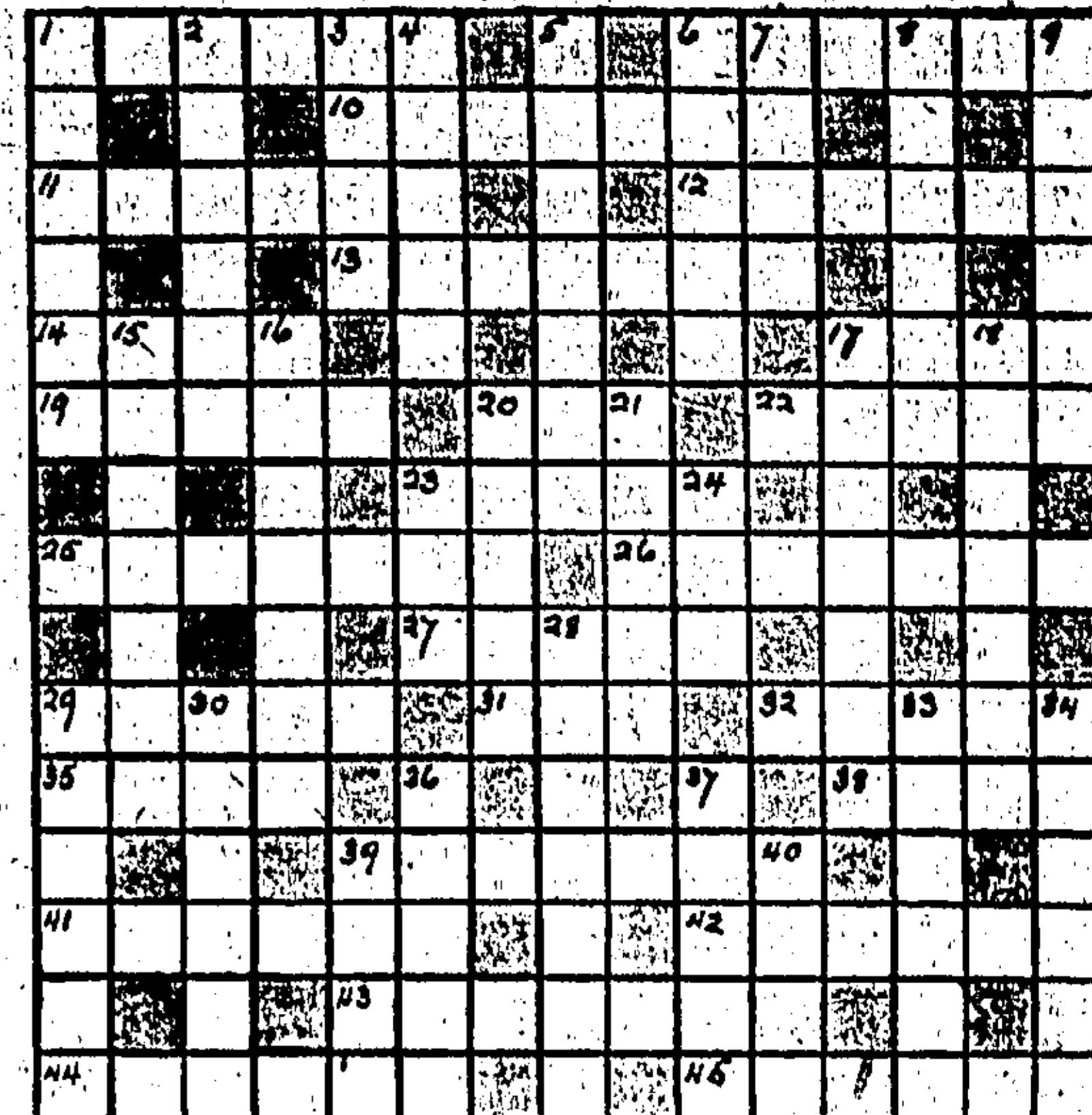
I am not discussing the merits or the demerits of the case; I am merely stating facts. The domesticated, quiet woman is not the type which the man of to-day wishes to make his companion. In the abstract, men may admire the stay-at-home girl, but he makes a companion of quite another type and, in the end, he marries her. A man is more less sure to marry the girl with whom he spends his leisure time, because propinquity is the first step towards marriage. After having danced and played games with one type of girl he is not likely to marry someone quite different.

Gold Applied.



Modernistic applique of gold kid and beige lizard is used on this green velvet evening slipper.

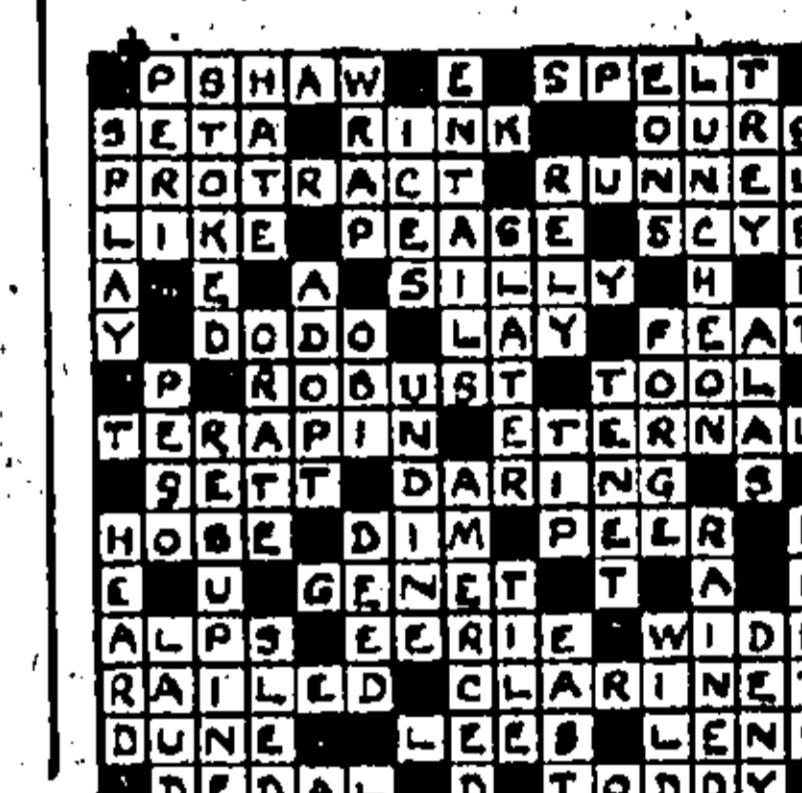
OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



Across.

- 9 Concealed.
- 15 Pistol case.
- 16 Fit to be tried.
- 17 Wood of small growth.
- 18 Gullies.
- 20 Contract.
- 21 Small anchor.
- 23 Sicken.
- 24 Part of a fish.
- 28 Pertaining to the nebulae.
- 29 Thief.
- 30 Flat part of printing press.
- 33 Small truck.
- 34 Guarded.
- 36 Marino jollylike animal.
- 37 Magnesian laminated minerals.
- 38 Vascular network of vessels (anat.).
- 40 Plant deeply.

Yesterday's Solution.



Down.

- 1 Crafty.
- 2 Delicate.
- 10 Movable plane.
- 11 Pea like leguminous plant.
- 12 Required.
- 13 A leaching.
- 14 Idiots talk.
- 17 Heal.
- 19 Journeys.
- 20 Writing fluid.
- 22 Female.
- 23 Ire.
- 25 Being without polarity.
- 26 Mooring post.
- 27 Sudden thrust.
- 29 Answer.
- 31 Brazilian coin.
- 32 Musical composition for eight.
- 35 Figure on an escutcheon.
- 38 Grief.
- 39 Orderly.
- 41 Substance obtained from cream.
- 42 Reclined.
- 43 Narcotic plant.
- 44 Hindu princess.
- 45 Dwelled.

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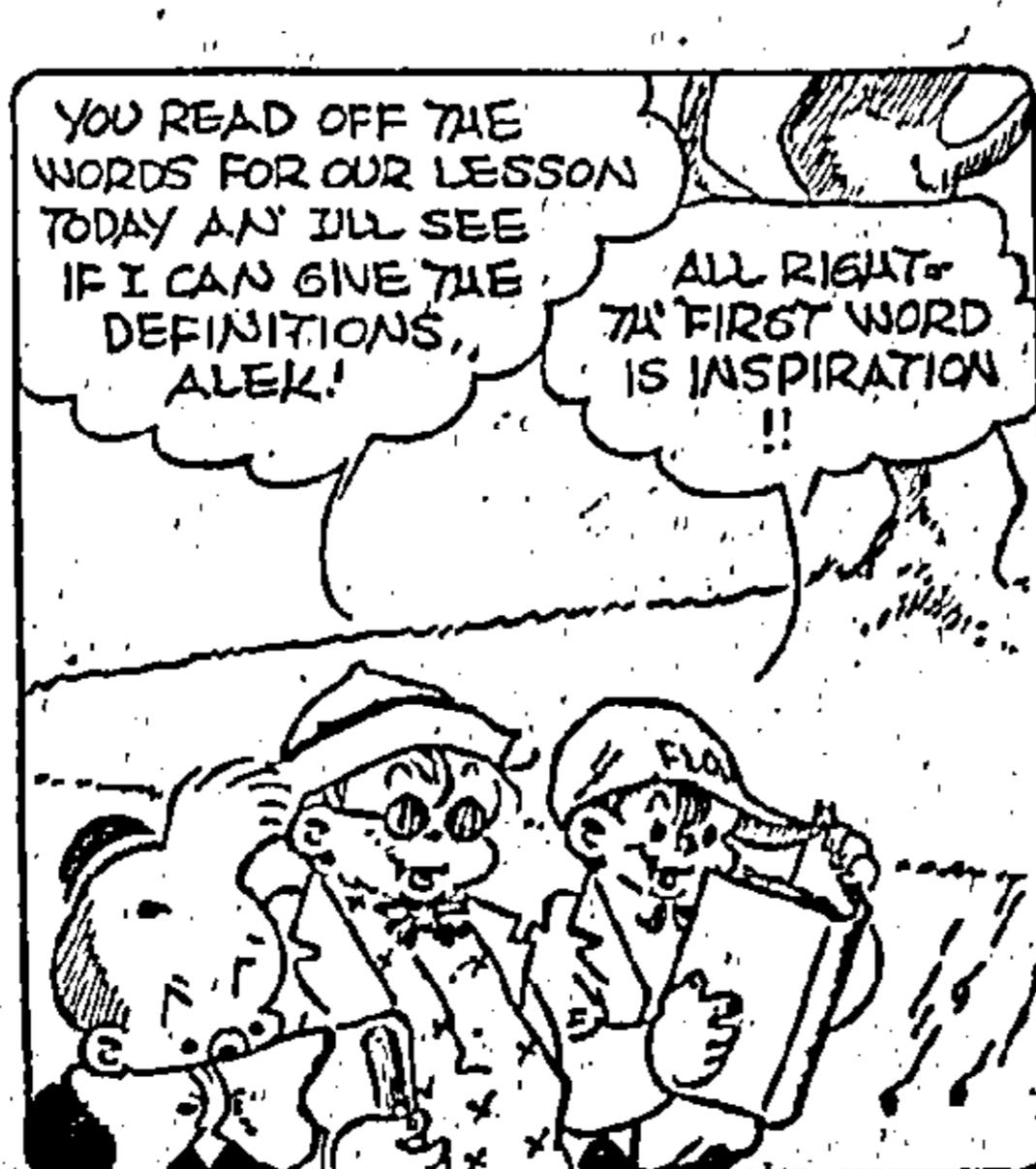
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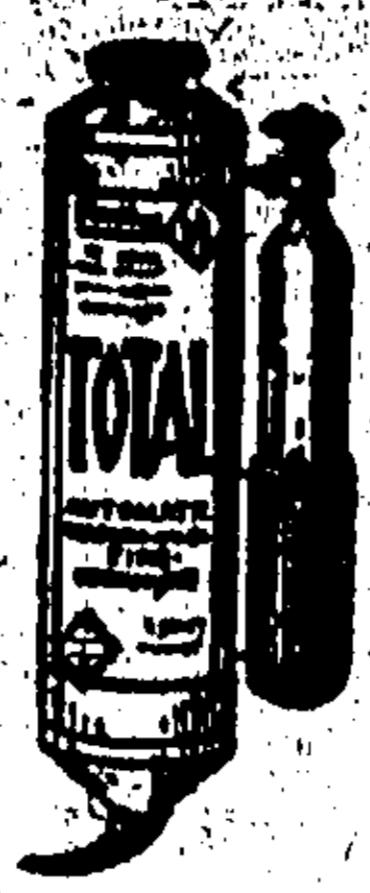
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the "Red" Government. What ensued is Chinese political history of the latter part of last year. When Communism was renounced, all those foreign interlopers soon made themselves scarce.

Subsequently, of course, there came the Communist coup in Canton, during the regretted absence of Marshal Li Chai-sum, followed by the recapture of the city and the discovery of a mass of interesting documents in the Soviet Consulate. Amongst these documents were some which revealed partially-matured plans for a Communistic attack on French Indo-China, with the support of Chinese participants and "bought over" Indo-Chinese troops. The stirring up of "Red" revolution was the aim. Whilst it would, in the absence of documentary proof, be perhaps unfair to suggest that M. Doriot was directly associated with these Soviet-inspired politicians to the Far East. Possibly the facts revealed in the seized documents may account in part for the trebling of the sentence imposed on M. Doriot.

The Irak Crisis.

The shadow of a religious war, with fanatical fury as its natural accompaniment, looms darkly over Irak, and the British authorities at Home and in the centre of this hotbed of religious fervour, can view the recent developments with nothing but the gravest anxiety. If the report that Ibn Saud, the King of the Hedjaz, has declared war on Irak and Transjordania is confirmed, Great Britain will be morally bound to throw her entire resources into the field. Britain's preparedness to accept her heavy responsibilities has been amply demonstrated by the action already taken, but no effort must be left unspared to avoid the catastrophe if it is humanly possible. The crisis has developed with amazing rapidity, seemingly as the result of Britain's determination to teach the Wahabi raiders that they cannot penetrate Irak territory and indulge in wanton damage and massacre of men, women and children, with impunity. In reality there has been misplaced confidence in Ibn Saud. The British Government was very careful to inform him in advance of the proposed measures for repelling raiders but he has apparently flouted the Treaty of Jeddah, signed only ten months ago, ignored the open-handed nature of the British R.A.F. action, and made a challenging declaration that the sword is the only means of freeing Arabia of the infidels. Probably Ibn Saud is acting under duress; the powerful Nejd leaders are out of control and he has decided to throw in his lot with them rather than lose their allegiance. There can, however, be no excuse for the madness on which he is apparently prepared to enter, and which, if continued, must inevitably lead to his downfall. The ultimate issue is unfortunately not the serious concern of the moment. What will happen before Ibn Saud is taught his lesson is giving cause for the present uneasiness. The past history of the Wahabis, the "Puritans of Islam," is marked by fanatical excesses against Moslems and other sects, massacres occurring at Faid just before Ibn Saud became King. Both Mecca, the Home of God's Grace, and Medina, the Dwelling Illustrous, are in his territory, and the misdeeds and desecration of his partisans in the past preface further wanton destruction if their hands are freed. The Wahabis are the most powerful combination on the Arabian peninsula, their contempt of death is said to be comparable only to that of the Wahabis, and their subjection, should the necessity arise, will be a costly business. Immense British interests, however, are at stake, and we feel that if the strong hand is demanded, it will have to be applied.

INDO-CHINA PLOTTING.

In spite of all that was done, however, the French officials had an anxious time as a result of Communist agitation directed from Canton and other parts of South China, and of military troubles in Yunnan. At about the most critical moment, there came out to the Far East, in the early part of last year, a number of French Parliamentarians, amongst whom were M. Doriot and M. Marti, both well-known for their pronounced Communist views. They were, of course, denied admission into French Indo-China, but their trip to China and their incidental hob-nobbing on the way with Soviet associates were watched with no small anxiety by the Indo-China Government. A Pan-Asian Congress was about to be convened in Canton and it was obviously on the board that Doriot and Marti, as well as Tom Mann, were to play prominent roles at this Congress of revolutionary elements from Korea, Japan, India, and, last but not least, Indo-China. The probable result of this Congress is now only matter for conjecture, as it was never held—thanks to Marshal Li Chai-sum's refusal to allow it to be convened. Later, Doriot, Tom Mann and other foreign Communists, made their way north to Hankow, where for a period of several months they firmly entrenched themselves with

DAY BY DAY.

IF GOOD PEOPLE WOULD BUT MAKE THEIR GOODNESS AGREEABLE, AND SMILE, INSTEAD OF FROWNING IN THEIR VIRTUE, HOW MANY WOULD THEY WIN TO THE GOOD CAUSE!—Archbishop Usher.

Forthcoming weddings announced include that of Police Sergeant W. H. Nolloth, Cheung Chau, to Miss D. L. Gatty, on the staff of the A.P.C., residing at the Helena May Institute.

Forthcoming weddings announced include that of Mr. R. Cunningham, Acting Clerk and Usher of the Supreme Court, residing at the Kowloon Hotel, to Mrs. A. M. Stuart, Peak Hotel.

The tea party which was to have been given to-morrow by the Committee of the Khalsa Diwan to Mr. K. S. Chowdhury, Hongkong's first Indian barrister, has been postponed to a date which will be announced later.

A bus driver has reported to the police that he knocked down a Chinese girl in Nathan Road yesterday, when she unexpectedly ran out from the verandah and got into his way. She was removed to the Kwong Wah Hospital.

The engagement is announced of Mr. Robert Miller, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. John Miller, of Blackhall, Midlothian, and Miss Doris Puncheon, younger daughter of Mr. and the late Mrs. James Puncheon, of Kowloon Docks.

Six men appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning on charges of being connected with local Triad Lodges. They were formally remanded on an application from Mr. C. A. S. Russ, who appeared for two of the defendants.

Sir Peter Grain, Judge of H. B. M. Supreme Court in China, is returning to Shanghai by the s.s. Calcha which left Hongkong this afternoon. He is accompanied by the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan, who will sit in the Full Court of Appeal in Shanghai.

Worshippers at the St. John's Cathedral are notified that neither the Dean nor Mr. Koop will be at the Cathedral in future on Mondays. This means no Matins or Evensong on Mondays except when Saints' Days fall on them. In cases of urgency the Clergy may be reached by telephone at their home addresses.

Among the passengers leaving on the Canadian Pacific s.s. Empress of Russia yesterday were Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Armstrong, Mrs. W. N. Buyers, Mr. R. B. Clark, Colonel W. R. Dockrill, Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Dixon, Hon. Mr. A. M. Goodman, Hon. Mr. L. McLean, Mr. J. L. McPherson, Dr. W. H. Miller, Mr. T. E. Mitchell, Mr. K. A. Mason, Capt. R. John Mott, Capt. D. C. Rule, Mr. J. E. Rutter, Rev. W. A. Spicer, Rev. J. L. Shaw, Dr. V. Beyer, Mr. H. J. Fountain.

Charlie Chaplin, star of "The Circus," the big comedy now showing at the Queen's Theatre, says that a comedian should never do the entirely impossible thing, the thing that could not happen. The world's foremost comedian believes there must be an element of reasonableness even in farce. Charlie goes even further than that and says a comedian fails if he is merely funny and there is no deeper meaning behind his humour. Charlie has carefully followed these principles in making "The Circus," and as a result that film is not only a delicious comedy but is also a very human picture.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, Mar. 7.
Paris	124.05
Brussels	125
Amsterdam	12.12%
Berlin	20.42
Copenhagen	18.21
Vienna	34.025
Helsingfors	103.14
Lisbon	2.14/64
Bucharest	705.14
Buenos Aires	47.20/82
Shanghai	2/6%
Yokohama	1/11/16
New York	4.8720/82
Geneva	25.84
Milan	32.25
Stockholm	18.18
Oslo	18.82
Prague	164.14
Madrid	20.165
Athens	.869
Rio	15.59/64
Bombay	1/6.31/32
Hongkong	2/04
Silver (spot)	23/4
Silver (forward)	22.3/16
British Wireless	

passed, though both made a great fight before they allowed the romance of the sea to disappear into a trailing cloud of black smoke from the funnel of a rusty steamer. But utility conquered romance even as Time has claimed its own.

MUSICAL JOTTINGS.

Local Music—New Records Reviewed.

[by "ALLEGRO"]

The Very Idea!

late master (to negro servant):—"Rastus, I thought I told you to get a domestic duck. This one has shot in it."

Rastus—"I done got a domestic duck, sah."

Master—"Well, how did the shot get in it?"

Rastus—"I speeks they was meant for me, sah."

In changing St. Helen's passage to Hell-passage, the Oxford City Council are rather against modern fashion, which is towards names of extreme moderation and propriety. No censor, however, has yet managed to emancate the famous "Hell" of St. Andrews Links. There were once other "Hells" in London: one a debtor's prison at Westminster (so-called in a deed of 1485); another a building on the site of the Victoria and Albert Museum (1765); and a Hell Corner, where Love-lane led into Hogmore-lane (now Gloucester-road).

Woman refusing an offer of a chair at Kingston County Court: I can talk better standing.

Mr. Registrar Friend, to a man at Clerkenwell County Court: Your grievance is that you cannot let part of your premises and at the same time continue to owe your landlord his rent. It is a grievance of a great many people nowadays.

Letters received at Clerkenwell County Court recently included one from a Southwark resident who complained of the damage done to her furniture by the floods. The letter was addressed from "Noah's Ark-alley."

An American entered a teashop and ordered from the waitress, "Two boiled eggs and a kind word."

In due course the eggs were brought and the waitress was about to leave the table, when the American said:—"Say, what about the kind word?"

The waitress leaned over and whispered:—"Don't eat them eggs."

A story about Mr. Winston Churchill when a youngster is told in the current "Cornhill," in the course of C.H.P. Mayo's reminiscences as a Harrow master.

The occasion was among the first, if not my first school lesson in Harrow, and the subject was algebra.

"It was necessary to find out what the boys knew, and to start accordingly."

"At last, sotto voce, as I thought, I said, 'What am I to do with boys who know nothing?'

"At once came a reply, in gentle, lisping tones, from a young, fair-headed boy of about fifteen. With a winning smile, he looked up at me and said, 'Please, sir, teach us.'

"At the time I did not know his name, but it was Winston Churchill. The lesson he gave me was most valuable."

The boy of the present day calls his father "Old Bean."—The Bishop of Leicester.

The time will come when strikers will be things of the past.—Mr. Maurice Denby.

It is with the people that the future of architecture lies.—Mr. Walter Tapper, A.R.A.

A course on housewifery should form part of the curriculum of the boy's school.—Miss Rose Macaulay.

The effect of a summons is occasionally soothing but more often inflammatory.—Mr. W. B. Lake (Willesden Magistrate.)

Why should not boys be taught to darn their own stockings, make their own beds, and be able to cook a meal for themselves?—Dr. Elizabeth Sloan Chesser.

The brain of Prof. Vladimir Bechteroff will be the fourth exhibit in the "brain" pantheon which he founded in Moscow. Upon the death of the noted psychiatrist it was recalled that he had willed his own brain to take its place with those of other great notables secured by him for scientific study for the source of talent and genius.

The brains now in the collection include those of Anton Rubinstein, famous pianist and composer; Alexander Kohn, writer, jurist and ranking member of the Academy of Science; and Demitri Mendeleff, naturalist and chemist.

"When I was a little boy," piped the hard-hearted sergeant, "I had a set of wooden soldiers. One day I lost my soldiers and I cried very much. But my mother said:—"Never mind, Johnny, some day you will get your wooden soldiers back; and, believe me, you bunch of wooden headed idiots, that day has come."

Patient—"Doctor, what are my chances?"

Doctor—"Oh, pretty good, but don't start reading any long-continued stories."

RE-TRIAL REQUEST DROPPED.**APPELLANTS HAVE TO PAY EXTRA COSTS.****LETTERS IGNORED.**

A case in which the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan, recently remarked that he could not be expected to wait upon the convenience of witness was recalled in the Full Court this morning when Mr. F. C. Jenkins made an application for the dismissal of a notice of motion for a new trial.

The case concerned a dispute over promissory notes the plaintiffs Wong Wai-chung, trustee of the Yue Hong Bank (in bankruptcy) claiming \$27,231.13 from the Tai Hing Wo firm and Tae Chau Tam, both of 182, Connaught Road Central. The claim was based on three promissory notes of \$10,000 each dated January 23, 1925, and now overdue. The notes were not paid at an extended date. The case for the plaintiffs was that two sums of \$1,000 and \$2,000 had been paid, the former on Sept. 4, 1925, and the latter on Sept. 15, 1925.

The defendants contended the money had been repaid.

Counsel for the plaintiff were Mr. C. G. Alabaster and Mr. H. G. Sheldon and for the defendants Mr. Eldon Potter K. C., and Mr. F. C. Jenkins.

When the case was originally heard, Mr. Alabaster asked for an adjournment because the only witness was in Canton but his Lordship refused to grant the application.

During the hearing references were made to certain important books of account that were missing. Judgment was given for the defendants with costs.

New Trial Motion.

Mr. Jenkins this morning said the appellants had accepted short notice of motion.

Judgment was delivered on January 17th, and on February 1st, 1928, the appellants filed notice of motion for a new trial. The Appeal Court sat for the first time on February 27 but two days before the appellants filed a notice withdrawing.

The briefs had naturally, and properly, been delivered to counsel for the respondents, and on February 27th the respondents' solicitors wrote asking for payment of the taxed costs of the respondents, incidental to the notice of motion, stating that otherwise application would be made to the Court.

No answer was received to that letter and a further letter was written without result.

Mr. Jenkins concluded by applying for dismissal of the notice of motion with costs, including the costs of the application. They were only rendered necessary because of the appellants failing to give in undertaking to pay the taxed costs. The court granted the application.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO.**GOOD PROFIT MADE LAST YEAR.**

The Directors' report of the Green Island Cement Co., Ltd., for the year ended 31 December, 1927, states:

The profit for the year is \$121,523.36, and after deducting the sum brought forward from the previous year, \$29,562.65, the balance to be dealt with is \$91,960.71, which it is recommended should be applied as follows:—To place to Reserve for probable losses on sales of bricks, pipes, etc., at Deep Water Bay Works \$20,000; and carry forward to the credit of next year's account, \$71,960.71.

Directors.—During the year Mr. J. H. Taggart was invited to a seat on the Board and this appointment requires confirmation. Under Article XII (14) of the Articles of Association, Messrs. C. A. da Rosa and Li Te Fong retire, but being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—The accounts have been audited by Messrs. Linstead & Davis and Messrs. Lowe, Birmingham & Matthews, Chartered Accountants, who are eligible for re-appointment.

CANTON POLICE CHIEF.**TANG YING-WAI TO REMAIN UNTIL H. E.'S RETURN.**

The Canton Government has requested General Tang Yin-wai as Chief of Police for a few days in view of the coming visit to Canton of His Excellency the Governor of Hongkong.

Police work will have to be carefully organised and the Government does not desire to trust such important matters to a new hand.

"WARRIOR KING'S VISIT."**LONDON READY FOR AMANULLAH.****WILL SEE EVERY PHASE OF BRITISH LIFE.****OLD WAYS AND NEW.**

London, Mar. 7. The programme of the visit of the King of Afghanistan to England is of a comprehensiveness without parallel in previous visits of any foreign ruler.

The King will see every phase of British life—military, naval, aerial, industrial and social.—*British Wireless.*

Amanullah, "the Warrior King" of Afghanistan, is on his way to England. His tour through Asia and Europe has attracted the curiosity and excited the imagination of most people throughout the world, and, if report be true, has shocked some of his friends and provoked some of his enemies at home.

For the young Amir—he will be thirty-six on June 1 of this year—is an adventurous pioneer who has made up his mind to bring Afghanistan up to date. He himself has let it be known that his present travels have for their object the gathering of information about men and cities and Government in Europe.

Looking For The Best.

When he passed through Alexandria, he declared that the Afghans had fought the enemy for eighty-eight years in defence of their independence, although they did not know the meaning of the word independence. He is proud of Afghan pluck. Within a few days he was saying at Naples that he was on the look-out for what is best in European civilisation and society, so that he may apply it to Afghanistan. His combination of pride in the past, avidity for improvement, and personal courage add to the already great historic interest of his pilgrimage from the wilds of Afghanistan.

Afghanistan, wedged between

Russian territory on the north and India on the south, corresponds to, and is no doubt partly responsible for, the ruggedness of the Afghan character. There are probably five million inhabitants, although statistics are an unknown science, and there are no exact figures of population or of trade of anything. The men are either farmers or soldiers. The average Afghan probably does not know that any other occupation is available.

Religion And Customs.

The Afghan's progress towards law and order is still at a primitive stage. It is not inconsistent that the people are tough, can stand hardships easily, are athletic, well-built, and physically handsome. Their women have the Jewish type of beauty. The farmers have evolved a highly efficient and original system of land drainage. The religion is Mohammedan, Afghanistan being the next most important Mohammedan country after Turkey.

In this State visit to England

the people of England will have a rare opportunity of seeing a party of representative Afghan men and women. The party includes the King himself, Amanullah Khan—Khan means representatives of the people, although the Amir is a monarch with absolute power—his Queen, two Princesses, sisters of the King and Queen respectively, the Minister for Foreign Affairs, who is the King's cousin, being married to the King's sister, the Grand Chamberlain, the Speaker of the Afghan Parliament, the Governor of Kabul, and many other officials and other non-official people, including Prince Rahmatullah Khan, the King's young son.

The Emancipation of Women.

One of the Amir's ideals is the emancipation of Afghan women from their position of virtual slavery. He has set up schools for female education—a step which has excited Mohammedan opposition and partly led to the rebellion of 1924. His Westernisation programme, however, is being vigorously prosecuted. He is "post-war" in every sense. It was in February, 1919, that his father, Habibullah Khan, was assassinated. Habibullah's brother thereupon declared himself Amir, but Amanullah, being a youth of determination, was sitting on the throne within six days. In the summer of that year he was fighting with British troops, but quickly negotiated a treaty with Great Britain which recognised Afghan independence. Since that time the Amir's energy has been devoted to pacific and constructive ends. Russian intrigue has left him cold, for the Soviet system of an inverted dictatorship clearly could

HONGKONG HOTEL CLAIM.**MR. L. E. HAYNES PROMISES PAYMENT.****NOT THE DEFENDANT.**

The case in which the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Limited, are suing Mr. J. T. Dobbie, formerly of the *Hongkong Herald* Publishing Company, 5, Wyndham Street, for \$123.85, under a letter of guarantee for Mr. L. E. Haynes, was before Mr. Justice Wood in the Summary Court this morning. The plaintiffs claimed under the following letter, dated December 2nd, 1927:

Dear Sirs,—Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., vs. L. E. Haynes.

In consideration of your withdrawing the warrant of execution against Mr. L. E. Haynes in respect of the above action, I hereby agree to pay you within one month of date the sum of \$123.85.—Yours faithfully (Sd) Jas. T. Dobbie.

The plaintiffs also claimed their costs.

Mr. O. E. C. Marton was for the plaintiffs, and Mr. Haynes was also in Court.

When Mr. Dobbie's name was called, he did not appear and Mr. Marton said that Mr. Haynes had agreed to consent to judgment.

Not The Defendant.

His Lordship:—He is not entitled to consent. He is not the defendant.

Mr. Marton:—He has agreed to pay the debt.

His Lordship:—Yes, I know; but he is not the defendant.

Mr. Haynes:—I am the original defendant, my Lord.

His Lordship (to Mr. Marton):—He is not a party to these proceedings.

Mr. Marton:—No, he is not in this case. I was under the impression that when you said the case was being adjourned for what is best in European civilisation and society, so that he may apply it to Afghanistan.

His Lordship:—No, I asked you to give notice.

Mr. Marton:—I am sorry. I did not realise you did. Will your Lordship adjourn the case for a week?

To Be Paid Soon.

His Lordship:—When is the debt likely to be paid?

Mr. Marton:—Mr. Haynes says he will pay it within seven days.

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FRENCH MAIL STEAMER.**SALVAGE WORK ON THE FONTAINEBLEAU.**

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The work has already commenced, and is expected to be completed before the end of the present year. It is also hoped to recover a part of the cargo. Resting with a marked tilt to starboard, half of the vessel's superstructure is now uncovered even at high tide.

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NEW BUNGALOWS AT \$2,000.**STRAITS BUILDING EXPERIMENT.****SCOPE FOR ALL-CONCRETE STRUCTURES.****MUNICIPAL WASTE.**

Considerable comment has been aroused in Singapore by the statement that the eighteen houses which the Municipality are proposing to build for their European staff during the current year will cost \$40,000 each, inclusive of land.

Strong criticism of the Municipal housing policy is heard in some quarters, where it is suggested that the Municipality are giving their employees, both the European and subordinate staff, housing accommodation far superior to what they would be able to obtain if they were in commercial or professional employment.

This view finds confirmation in statements made to a *Straits Times* representative by a leading Singapore architect, and by Mr. W. Dunman, who showed at Grove Estate, Katong, what can be done with an all-concrete type of bungalow to reduce building costs and avoid the use of skilled labour and expensive materials.

Very Extravagant.

Asked what he thought of \$40,000 as a price for Municipal European quarters, a local architect, who has had long experience of building for firms and private individuals in Singapore, said he thought it was very extravagant.

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MONTH'S TRAFFIC FIGURES.**ARRIVALS 4,000 MORE THAN DEPARTURES.****HONGKONG RETURNS.**

The return of passengers carried by vessels arriving and departing from Hongkong for the month of February has now been issued. It shows that there were approximately 4,000 more arrivals than departures during the period.

This compares favourably with the previous month, but it should be noted that the exodus and return has been considerably influenced by the incidence of Chinese New Year.

Ocean-going steamers carried approximately 12,000 more departures than arrivals, where it is suggested that the Municipality are giving their employees, both the European and subordinate staff, housing accommodation far superior to what they would be able to obtain if they were in commercial or professional employment.

Strong criticism of the Municipal housing policy is heard in some quarters, where it is suggested that the Municipality are giving their employees, both the European and subordinate staff, housing accommodation far superior to what they would be able to obtain if they were in commercial or professional employment.

The figures for the period are:

Arrivals Depta.

Ocean-Going Steamers 30,124 51,032

River Steamers 112,380 100,050

Junks and Launches 9,096 6,587

Total 161,50



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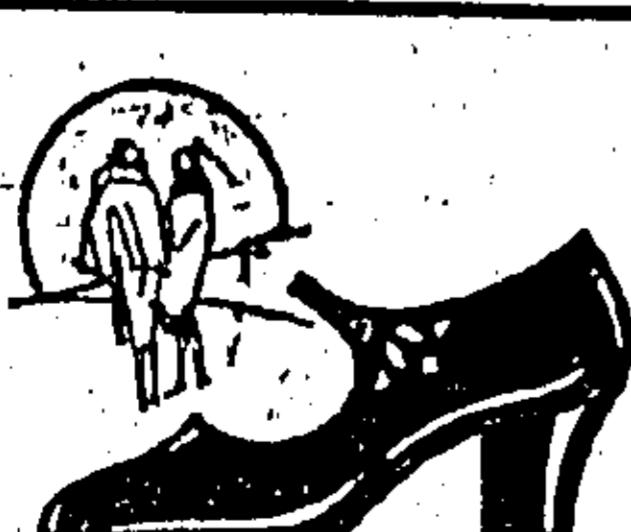
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HOME FOOTBALL

HEARTS HOLD THE RANGERS.

London, Mar. 7.

A number of matches were played in the English and Scottish Leagues to-day. Huddersfield and the Rangers, the sides with the best prospects, were both away from home and shared in goalless draws.

The Arsenal trounced Liverpool. The list of results is appended:

Division I.

Arsenal 0 Liverpool 8
Birmingham 1 Wednesday 8
Manchester U. 0 Huddersfield 9

Division III (North).

New Brighton 0 Wrexham 0

Scottish League.

Airdrie 8 Dunfermline 1
Partick 2 Kilmarnock 2
Motherwell 2 Dundee 2
Hearts 0 Rangers 1
Cowdenbeath 8 Hibernians 1

— Reuter.

OUR FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

PRIZE OF \$50 WEEKLY.

The "Hongkong Telegraph" offers a prize of \$50 to the readers who send in twelve correct forecasts of the results of the English and Scottish League matches (to be played on Saturday next, March 10th) set out in the Coupon below. No goal scores are required; only forecasts showing wins or draws.

In the event of no reader forecasting all twelve matches, a prize of \$25 will be given to the reader who sends in the greatest number of correct forecasts; and in the event of two or more readers sending in an equal high number, the prize of \$25 will be divided.

The competition is in accordance with the rules published in the "Telegraph" during the weeks August 29—September 24.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" FORECAST COMPETITION.

Matches to be played on March 10th.

DIVISION I.

Bolton v Arsenal.
Birmingham v Sheffield U.
Cardiff v Leicester.

DIVISION II.

Chelsea v Preston.
Grimbsy v Notts Forest.
Reading v Manchester C.

DIVISION III.

Luton v Swindon.
Norwich v Plymouth.
Nelson v Lincoln.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Airdrie v Celtic.
Clyde v Queen's Park.
C'beath v Motherwell.

Name

Address

.....

No. 28. Date

Strike out the teams which you think will lose, but make no marks in respect of matches which you think will be drawn.

All claims must reach this office not later than Wednesday following the date on which the matches are played. No prize will be awarded for which a claim has not been made.

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Clyde v Queen's Park.
C'beath v Motherwell.

Among passengers arriving yesterday by s.s. Calchas from Europe, was Mr. D. Buchanan, son of Mr. G. Buchanan, of the Steamboat Company. He will take up an appointment as second mate with a local shipping firm.

KOWLOON'S SHIELD TEAM.

AT FULL STRENGTH FOR SEMI-FINAL REPLAY.

The following teams have been selected to play for the Kowloon Football Club in their matches on Saturday, 10th inst.

First XI v. H.K.F.C., Sookunpo, 4.15 p.m.—Angus, Wheeler, Dodshon, Hedley, Sims, McElveen, Duncan, Kernick, Northay, Muir, Miles. Reserves:—Reed, Vickars, Second XI v. St. Joseph's, St. Joseph's ground, 3 p.m.—Wood, Guest, Clarke, Roberts, Bliss, Dunnnett; Pile, May, Coates, Tiernan, Blacklock. Reserve: Eastman.

JUNK PEOPLE FINED.

LOITERING NEAR NAVY ANCHORAGE.

At the Marine Court this morning before Comdr. J. B. Newill, D.S.O., R.N., Chan Kau and Chan Fo, mistresses of fishing junks, were charged under a Harbour Master's Regulation, dated February 28th with loitering within 100 yards of the sea wall in the area of the Naval Anchorage. Both defendants pleaded guilty, but stated that, owing to adverse winds, they were unable to proceed.

Sergeant Hudson, making the charge, stated that in his opinion the accused were using grappling, but as these had been slipped on the approach of the officer, there was no evidence to produce. In the forepart of each boat, however, there had been found grappling.

Questioned, the accused stated that these implements were used for shrimping.

A fine of \$6, with the usual alternative, was inflicted in each case.

MORE UNWHOLESOME PORK.

PIG WHICH DIED OF SWINE FEVER.

Arrested on the Tsun Wan Road Tuesday afternoon, whilst conveying a quantity of unwholesome pork from Un Long, a Chinese butcher appeared before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistrate this morning, on a charge of being in possession of pork which was unfit for human consumption.

The defendant claimed that the pig was slaughtered at Un Long just before he made the purchase.

Mr. Reidy, assistant Colonial Veterinary Surgeon, said the pig had died of swine fever, and was dressed after death. It had not been bled properly and bore dark red spots. The pig had died about 24 hours before examination.

When asked if he wished to make a statement, the defendant said he himself had seen the pig slaughtered.

His Worship pointed out that because defendant saw the pig killed it did not necessarily show that the pork was not unwholesome.

A fine of \$50 was imposed.

SHROFF'S BODY FOUND.

BELIEVED TO HAVE HANGED HIMSELF.

What appears to have been a case of suicide has been brought to light, with the discovery yesterday, of the body of a Chinese in Bowen Road. It was suspended by the neck from the railings of the bridge overlooking the filter beds. A thong made of cow-hide was passed round the neck in a loop, while the other end was attached to the iron railings. The body was suspended in mid-air above the filter beds when it was found by a constable on patrol duty.

In a police report issued this morning, it is stated that the deceased has been identified as Lung Woo, 86 years of age, who was formerly employed as a shroff in Messrs. Butterfield and Swire's.

Berlin, Feb. 6.—During a costume ball at the American Legation in Prague, a woman guest suddenly noticed she had lost a valuable tiara, which consisted of four rows of diamonds set in gold, and was an old family heirloom. An energetic search was made, but the missing diamond was nowhere to be found. Many of the company present, suspecting theft, were anxious for the police to take up the matter there and then. Such a course, however, would have caused diplomatic complications. The American Minister offered to replace the lost jewel, but this was not accepted by the owner.

JUNK GIRL'S DEATH.

MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE IN COURT.

Mr. Leo D'Almada de Castro, junior, instructed by the Mr. Leo D'Almada e Castro, senior, appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindell this morning, to defend Kwok Shun-lee, the steersman of a small Chinese fishing junk. Kwok was charged with the manslaughter of a small Chinese girl on February 20th, the girl meeting her death following a collision between the junk which defendant was steering and a small sampan on which the deceased was sleeping.

Dr. A. Cannon, officer in charge of the Victoria Mortuary, was called to give evidence of the post mortem examination. He said that the cause of death was primarily due to a fracture at the base of the skull, the secondary cause being cerebral abrasion due to a rupture of an artery of the brain. The general condition of the body was good, the only external signs of injury being a few bruises at the back of the left ear.

Sergeant Kirby, attached to the Police Station at Stanley, said that about noon on February 20 he was in the charge room when a Chinese named Leung Ching made a report to him, in consequence of which he proceeded with the man to Po Tai Island on a police launch. Witness was taken to a small fishing junk lying close inshore in the bay. On the boat was the body of a small Chinese girl which witness later caused to be removed.

Witness examined the boat and found that there was a splinter in the gunwale about nine inches wide and about two inches deep. The position of the splinter was about midships.

A big fishing junk was pointed out to the witness by Leung Ching about 120 yards away from the sampan. Witness found the defendant and seven others on board. An examination of the bow showed that one of the crossboards of the bow had been cracked. Witness opined that the crack could have been caused by heavy seas or by the vessel striking a rock or other hard object. Defendant and another steersman were taken to the Police Station for their statements to be taken. On March 3rd, defendant was arrested and charged with manslaughter.

In answer to Mr. D'Almada, witness said that the gunwale of the fishing boat was about eighteen inches to two feet out of water. The boat was a lightly built one. The damage to the crossboard on the junk was about 18 inches out of water. In witness' opinion the damage must have been caused by a heavy impact and the Sergeant agreed with counsel that it could have been caused by the junk pitching and coming down heavily on the sampan.

Witness, in answer to further questions, stated that he had no idea what sort of weather prevailed at the time of the accident, but stated that when he went out in the police launch the sea was choppy and it was quite windy.

OUR DAILY TALK ON HEALTH.

COMMANDMENTS OF GOOD POSTURE.

SIMPLE EXERCISES HELP.

At various times fads in posture have swept across our country. There have been the "doubtante slouch" and the "Gibson girl" and many others.

To-day the schools are teaching the advantages of good posture and the kindergarten emphasizes proper methods of standing even in the pre-school age.

A person inherits from his ancestors a certain type of back and a certain type of posture just as he inherits any other characteristics. However, these inherited tendencies can be overcome to a certain extent by proper training.

Diseases that affect the muscles, the bones and the ligaments also interfere with proper posture and must be treated according to modern scientific methods. Here are the ten requirements for good posture:

Some Rules.

1.—Stand tall.

2.—Sit tall.

3.—Walk tall and "chesty" with weight transmitted to balls of feet.

4.—Draw in abdomen, pulling it back and upward.

5.—Keep shoulders high and square.

6.—Pull chin straight toward collar button.

7.—Flatten hollow of back by rolling pelvis downward.

8.—Separate shoulders from hips as far as possible.

9.—Lie tall and flat.

10.—Think tall.

CINEMA NOTES.

"DRUSSILLA WITH A MILLION."

A picture which has been described as having the greatest human appeal of any picture of recent years is "Drussilla with a Million," which comes to the World Theatre to-day.

Mary Carr is Drussilla, a pathetic old soul, consigned to an old ladies home to spend her last days there in toll and drudgery. But, by an odd turn of fate, a distant relative dies and leaves her a million dollars and a beautiful country home. The story develops in a most dramatic and logical fashion, culminating in a superb emotional climax. Mary Carr's work far transcends anything she has ever done before. Pailla Bonner, hitherto little known, has a part which would delight Lillian Gish, and she gives a most appealing screen performance. "Drussilla with a Million" will be screened till Saturday at the usual times, and those who have already seen "The Circus" at the Queen's Theatre should certainly not miss the opportunity of seeing this dramatic production.

"The Little Irish Girl."

Cinema-goers who were impressed by the performance of Dolores Costello in "The Sea Beast" and "Bride of the Storm" must not miss her performance in her latest production "The Little Irish Girl," which comes to the World Theatre to-day. Miss Costello plays the part of an innocent decoy for a band of crooks whose main line of operations is shoplifting. These crooks go further afield and scheme to rob a country hotel proprietor—an old lady of her life's savings. How their plans are frustrated is ably told by Roy Del Ruth who directed the picture. John Harron, ever a likeable straightforward hero, gives another of his clean cut impersonations as the country boy who wins the Irish Girl's love. Others deserving of mention are, Matthew Betz, the leader of the gang of crooks, Dot Farley and Gertrude Claire.

"The Demi-Bride."

Quite one of the best farces for some time is "The Demi-Bride," with Norma Shearer, which, according to a special advertisement elsewhere in this issue, comes to the Queen's Theatre on Sunday

CRITICISM OF A JUDGE.

LIMITS OF NEWSPAPER PRIVILEGE.

The Lord Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Branson, sitting as a King's Bench Divisional Court, granted a rule nisi for a writ of attachment on the motion of the Attorney-General calling upon Mr. Clifford Dyce Sharp, the editor of the *New Statesman* to show cause why he should not be committed for an alleged contempt of court contained in a copy of his paper dated January 28 last relative to the action brought by Mr. Gwynne, the editor of the *Morning Post*, against Dr. Marie Stopes for libel, and resulted in a verdict for Mr. Gwynne for £200 damages.

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TRIBE SUBMITS.

FRENCH SUBDUE THEAITOUADIRIM.

Casablanca, Mar. 7. The Court of Cassation has rejected a Soviet claim for the return of Russian ships belonging to the Ropit Company, which escaped from Odessa when shipping was nationalised without compensation, and reached Marseilles, where the shareholders lined out under:

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SOVIET SNUBBED.

FRENCH COURT REJECTS CLAIM FOR SHIPS.

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The Police kicked off with the wind in their favour, and at once attacked. The going was very heavy which appeared to favour the Police. Hudson made an effort, but Fletcher cleared, and Pile coming down, shot behind. Leach was well covered, and had to shoot from long range. Howarth got through but sent wide.

Wynne was forced to pass to Clarke, and the goalie cleared.

The Police continued to press, but shooting was wild. Just before the interval, McGroarty sent Pile away and the winger centred. Howarth took a blind kick at the ball and it came back to McGroarty, who beat Fletcher with a well placed shot. Half-time, Police 1, R.A. 0.

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GERMAN LOOKS AT EUROPE.

ENGLISHMAN DOES NOT LIKE TROUBLE OF THINKING.

TENNIS RACKET GIRLS.

"I think I may say, without fear of contradiction—at least, it seems to me so, and I should not wish for anything to hurt anybody's feelings—that the weather of to-day may perhaps be safely called not really bad—but that would be saying too much—but somehow less satisfactory than the weather of yesterday. Don't you think so too?"

This "English" sentence introduced by Count Hermann Keyserling in the section on England in his new book, "The European Spectrum"—which has just been published by Kampmann of Heidelberg, and is likely to become a European sensation—characterises English mentality as viewed through the eyes of other nations.

Count Keyserling is the philosopher who was once described as a man "on terms of indecent intimacy with his own soul," and here he has been at pains to analyse the souls of the nations of Europe, firstly in relation to themselves, and then to Europe as a whole. His spectrum flashes in bold colours, so brilliantly, so topically, that one is tempted to accuse the philosopher of journalese, with a difference, of course, as shown by his mention of the American newspaper proprietor, who, after commissioning some very highly-paid articles from the philosopher's pen, sent them back with a staff representative to explain what was wanted in the way of alteration. "Shall a Pegasus," asked the Count, "become a Ford?"

But it is truly pleasing to find Pegasus taking a delight in being naughty, delightful to find the leader of a school of wisdom so far unbounding as to hope to offend "all Pharisees, Philistines and bourgeois, all those who are small-minded, lacking esprit and a sense of humour." And women readers will be pleased and astonished to find a philosopher so deeply interested in the various aspects of love.

The Englishman.

Beginning his analysis with the Englishman—who is not likely to be flattered by it—the Count finds him closer to the animal world than the "intellectualised" Continental. The Englishman combines, in Keyserling's view, a dislike of offending anybody's prejudices by too direct statement with the unerring instinct of a pointer. Times, however, have unhappily changed since the days when the ruling classes and colonial officers needed no more in their heads than an interest in eating, drinking, sport, and, while still young enough, flirtation. Today English statesmen reason as though they were Frenchmen and hold forth upon programmes and ideals as though they were Germans. Herein, says the Count, lies a difficulty, as the Englishman does not like thinking. At this point the English girl comes in for some cruel criticism:

The prettiest Miss, through lack of spirituality ("Innerlichkeit") is too often like a tennis-racket. But how shall a woman develop sensual charm when she is addressed as a matter of course, "Old girl," and finds her greatest praise in being called "a good sport?" However charming in youth, may it not be as true of her as of the marshal's baton that every man in Napoleon's army carried in his knapsack, that she carries in hers, instead of the beloved and the mother, the weather-beaten old maid with big teeth?

A Result of Conscription.

Count Keyserling sees in the decay of the English aristocratic classes the beginning of England's decline, fears that the results of conscription during the Great War—which made the masses resentful and thoughtful for the first time—and the strength of Labour in the Dominions, will lead to a domination of the proletariat stronger in England than elsewhere in Europe. He believes, as a result, that the England where life was once more gracious than elsewhere will vanish from the face of Europe save as an influence on future generations as potent as that of the classic Greek tradition.

These remarks upon England give the key to the whole book. Viewed through the eyes of Count Hermann Keyserling, the Baltic aristocrat, every country where democracy is a flourishing force, is distasteful to contemplate in the present, and has a gloomy future. To this must be added the mental vision of disciple of Rabindranath Tagore, imbued with Indian ideals. As a result, those countries where women are most emancipated are believed to have the most unpleasant prospects.

The Strength of France.

He considers that love is dying out in Europe, but may still be found in Paris. In this fact lies the strength of France, whose mission always lay in the culture she disseminated, never in the doctrines she preached. The Count recommends to France inter-marriage

RAILWAYS AND ROADS.

COMPANIES OPPOSED TO A ROYAL COMMISSION.

The railways are against the proposal that a Royal Commission should be appointed to inquire into certain transport questions, and that the consideration by Parliament of the companies' Bills, in which powers are sought to establish road services, now pending, should be deferred until such a Commission made their report.

In a statement the companies point out that the relevant facts are known and there is no need for an elaborate Commission of Inquiry to explore them. The Private Bill procedure of Parliament provides for a most searching inquiry into the preamble of a Bill.

The railway companies, it is added, would not be averse to the Bills being considered by a Joint Committee of both Houses of Parliament specially constituted for the purpose. It would be generally agreed that no better tribunal could be found for determining an issue of this kind.

with the many Russians who have sought refuge within her borders, so that her inflexible spirit may be leavened by the disintegrating Russian influence. But it is Spain, where woman is still wife and mother, which stands ethically highest among the group of European nations to-day. Here, too, is the only democracy worthy of being called such:

Democracy can only exist in a true sense where the "lower" are the equals of the "higher." Never shall I forget the impression I received from a young Spanish peasant woman, who had had six children in five years, and who received two Spanish dukes and myself in her humble cottage after a motor accident. She not only acted as an equal of the dukes; she was an equal, because she was as conscious of the dignity of her class as the Duke Alba of his. As regards Germany, Count Keyserling says he can understand why Englishmen are misunderstood, but not why the world always sees the German in the wrong light. He ascribes this to the German love of doing a thing, for its own sake, studying it, and regarding the rest of the world in its relation to it. He quotes the Englishman who said, "If there were two gates, and on one were written, 'Entrance to Heaven,' and on the other, 'Entrance to Lectures on Heaven,' every German would choose the second one."

He mentions a well-known publisher of philosophical works who told him that nearly all the publications of one of the foremost modern philosophers were lying unsold in his cellars, adding, with enthusiasm: "And that's how it ought to be," so convinced was he that philosophers and their publishers should not grow rich, and so pleased that life worked out as he thought it should.

Europe's Task.

But Keyserling's thesis that Germany sentimental, refined, a bad user of power, is a feminine, not a masculine, nation down to the very structure of the pelvis-bone-bronzer in her men than the normal—will probably be judged the most penetrating thing ever written about the nation. If Count Keyserling is judged apart from his prejudices he is intensely illuminating.

His admiration for aristocratic Hungary, his prophecy that Italy, in the future of Europe, will play her part on Heathen principles—since the post-Christian era, which began with the War, heralds, in many ways, the rebirth of the pagan soul—may be passed over. But his violent indictment of Switzerland, "union of innkeepers, or bourgeois, of ugly human beings who have followed the laws of mimicry, with faces stony, and bodies gnarled as their rocks," calls for protest. That the Count can go badly off the track is also proved conclusively by his chapter on Holland. Here it is quite clear that he once fell into the hands of a solemn Dutchman, exercising that sense of humour peculiar to this country. "The Dutch," says Count Keyserling, "eat so little that they paint pictures of still-life to feast their eyes upon what their aesthetic stomach rejects." But he praises the asceticism of the old seadogs, de Ruyter and Van Tromp.

Points of similarity between the Russia of to-day and America, the lost opportunities of Sweden, the future of Turkey, and the significance of each Balkan and each Baltic State, are discussed and given full weight.

The colours of Count Keyserling's spectrum remain bright and sharp to the end. Not in Internationalism, but in the cultivation of the individual soul of a nation he sees hope for Europe. The old collective ideals are dead, the new ones not yet born. There is no such thing as an international soul, but a community of nations, in which each is complement of the other. When each labours to produce the highest type of individual, according to the national ideal, Europe will awaken from her spiritual lethargy and give a great message to the world.

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MAGISTRATE'S CRITICISM OF A SENTENCE.

Southend Magistrates sharply criticised the action of another Bench of Magistrates when John George Atmore, formerly a Postmaster, was summoned in respect of £37 under a wife maintenance order.

His wife told the Bench that her husband had £500 a year as a Civil Servant. The order was made at

Feltham for £3 a week. Recently she obtained a warrant, and he was committed to prison for two months for non-payment under the order.

Atmore explained that he had been dismissed because of being sent to prison. He had also forfeited his pension and gratuity (about £700). The arrears accumulated because, while he was on sick leave, his pay was only 10s. a day instead of his usual salary.

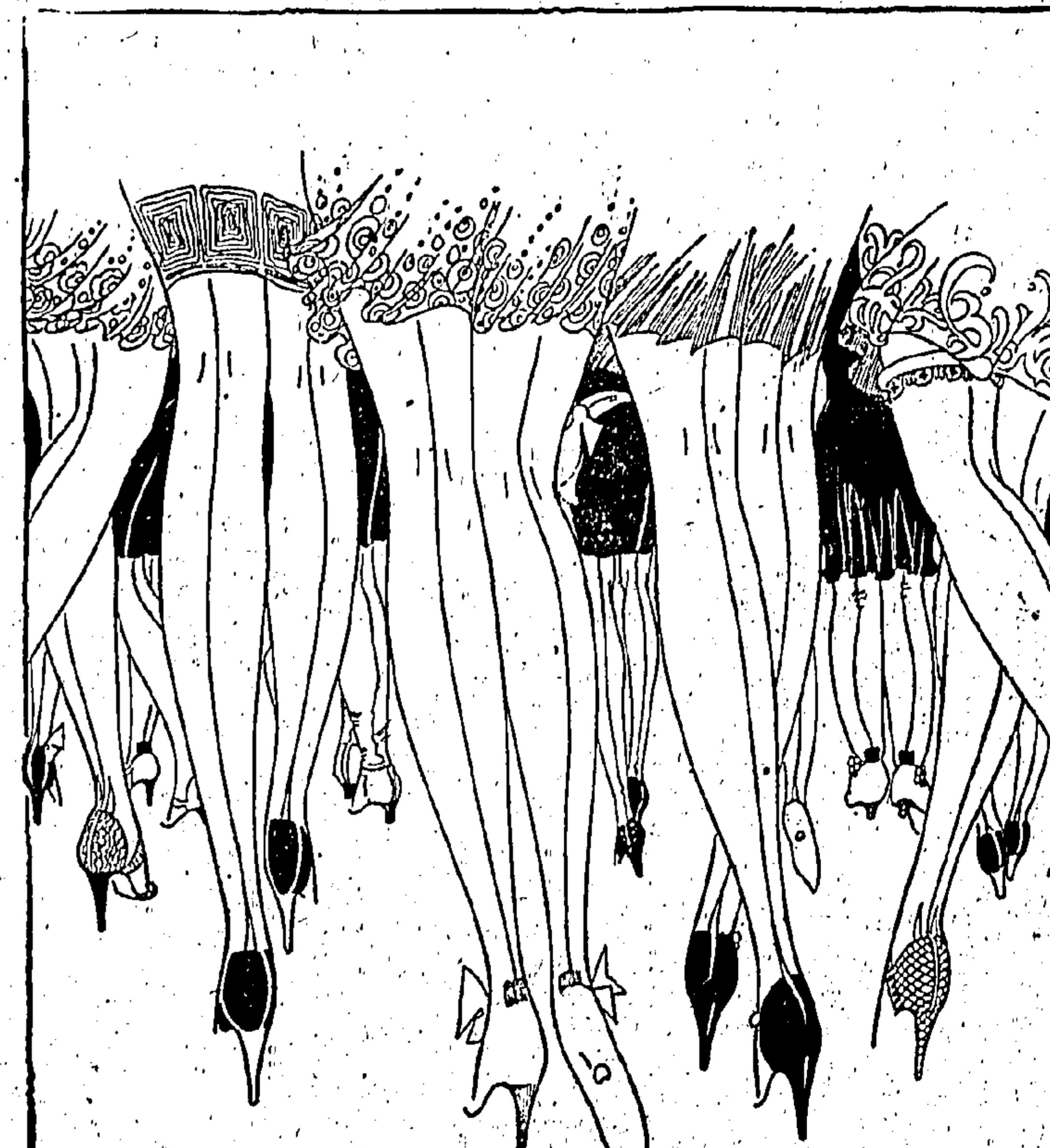
Sir John Francis, the Chairman, said that he was surprised that the man should have been sent to prison. Apparently he had paid £72 out of £90 arrears. He did not

think that any Southend Magistrate would have so acted in such circumstances.

Sir Frederic Sonier, a Magistrate, expressed the opinion that such treatment was a gross miscarriage of justice.

Mr. W. Miles, another Magistrate, said that it was monstrous. Such a decision would never have been perpetrated in the Southend Court.

The Bench adjourned the case for two months and directed the Clerk to write to the Postmaster-General and lay all the facts before him.



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SYNOPSIS.

FOSTER MARKWELL, who travels periodically as ship's doctor, meets and admires THERESE FEVERSHAM—niece of ELIAS FEVERSHAM, an American millionaire newspaper proprietor—who has taken a flat in London for three months. Foster's aunt, MISS CROOM, asks him to take care of a small metal deed box with instructions to surrender it to no one but herself. A few days later she is found murdered. The detectives find a yellow glove with a piece of cotton wool in a finger, from which they deduce that the owner has lost a finger tip. They also learn that Miss Croom had a smart, red-haired visitor, who gained admission by sending in a scrap of paper bearing the name Hillyard. Foster, being his aunt's sole heir, opens the box to find it filled with wonderful gems. Suddenly a change overcomes Theresa, which he is utterly at a loss to understand.

NOW READ ON.

CHAPTER VI. (Continued).

"FISHING."

"What a long holiday you seem to be taking," Theresa remarked during the meal.

"You must be held responsible," he returned.

"I was wondering," she said, with her eyes on his face, "whether you would ever go to sea again—"

"That's on the knees of the gods," he returned, trying to throw some significance into his voice.

"I thought," she persisted, "that, perhaps, Miss Croom's death might—might make a difference. Your aunt may have left you a fortune?"

That was, perhaps, the moment of the conception of his suspicion. It was true that she had, indeed, left him a fortune, at present resting in the strong room at Baynton Crescent bank in Whitechapel. Its contents were constantly in his mind at this time, and suddenly, quite against his own volition, the idea occurred that his treasure was in Theresa's mind also.

As he sat fueling her, it became impossible to thrust the absurd, fanatic, unworthy notion aside. But she was not playing her part in the least skilfully. The spring was being set in sight of the bird. He felt confident she was waiting eagerly for his answer.

"All my aunt's money," he said, "was sunk in a Government annuity."

"Money isn't the only thing in the world," she answered.

"What else are you thinking of?" he demanded, leaning forward across the table towards her. Her only answer was a shrug. "Won't you tell me what you have in your mind?" he urged. "Of course," he added, watching her slightly flushed face intently. "There might have been some hidden treasure, buried in the garden, for instance."

She leaned back in her chair laughing, and began to talk about her uncle, Elias Feversham, and after they had parted that night, Foster lay awake for hours, tormented half out of his mind. She had deliberately been fishing. She had done her utmost to lead him to talk of his treasure, then drawn back, fearing, probably lest she should give herself away, had turned the conversation to Elias Feversham in order to restore confidence!

How in the world had she known of the existence of the gems? Again and again Foster asked himself the same question, turning restlessly from side to side and feeling more miserable than he had ever done before. Before he fell asleep, he tried to convince himself that after all he had found a mare's nest. How was it possible to believe that the woman whom he wanted to marry had merely been tolerating him for her own dishonest purposes? Theresa Feversham dishonored!

To that note Foster eventually fell asleep late on Sunday night, and directly after breakfast on Monday morning he telephoned to Treadwell Mansion, proposing luncheon, with the determination to satisfy himself of her good faith, or to learn the worst. To go along in this way and remain sane was out of the question.

CHAPTER VII.

FOSTER TELLS HIS STORY.

At a quarter to three on Monday afternoon, Foster was walking along Old Bond Street by Theresa's side, and of his own accord stopped to look in at the jewellers' shop windows, impelled by his impetuous desire to reach the denouement. They were looking at an enticing shop close to Bruton Street, when he called her attention to some good-sized rubies.

"Oh yes, they're magnificent," she said. "But I love diamonds better, and more than either pearls."

WAR ON SWABUE SOVIET.

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that more than 1,000 rifles had been captured.

Swabue Also Taken.

Swabue, which is midway between Hongkong and Swatow, is reported to have been taken by the 31st regiment of the same Army. In his report to the Canton authorities, Cheung Ying-leung, leader of the Second Brigade of Chan Chai-tong's Army, who directed the victorious troops in an attack on the "Reds" at Swabue on the 2nd instant, declared that his army captured the city after some skirmishes, killing a few hundred "Reds" and capturing two hundred rifles.

Yesterday, the Headquarters of the Government forces on the East River despatched messages to Canton, requesting that more troops be sent to assist the armies at Hoifung to exterminate the Communists now occupying other districts in the vicinity of Hoifung and in Lukfung.

In response to this call for assistance, a large column of soldiers of the 5th Army left for the East River yesterday, according to Canton intelligence.

Flight to Mountains.

Hundreds of the defeated "Reds" of Hoifung have fled to the hills near Lukfung, parts of the country around which are said to be very mountainous. It is known that the "Reds" have built more than 100 wooden huts on the mountain-tops and that these structures are big enough to accommodate a few thousand men. The "Reds" claim that they have stored up enough food-stuffs and ammunition to last them for three years.

In view of the fact that many of these mountain areas near Lukfung are dangerous and that soldiers ignorant of the conditions would encounter much personal risk, General Tang Yin-wah, it is reported, has employed men who are acquainted with the geography of the district to accompany his troops.

The Chinese gunboats, Chunshan, Kongkong, Mansang, and Holau, are said to have left Canton for Swabue yesterday, to supply the troops with ammunition and military equipment.

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Another Canton report says that during their retreat from Hoifung to the mountains at Lukfung, the "Red" troops burnt much property and massacred many people in villages through which they passed.

As rain was still falling heavily, they chartered another taxi to Chelsea.

"What a melancholy day!" she said, as they turned the corner of her street. "If you care to come in, we might try to cheer each other up, though I have an appointment at half-past five."

In the sitting-room, she threw off her fur coat, and standing before the oblong looking glass over the mantel-shelf raised her hands to remove her hat.

"What a state my hair is in!" she said, and taking a comb from her vanity bag, began to re-arrange it.

"Why not?" he asked.

"I should feel terribly afraid lest thieves should break in and steal."

"Ah, well," he answered, with watchful eyes on her face, "there's no fear of that."

"You—you mean you have taken the precaution to put your new possession in a safe place?" she suggested.

"In the strong room at my banker's," said Foster.

CHAPTER VIII.

DIAMOND CUT DIAMOND.

Astounding as it still appeared, it was impossible to doubt that this woman whom he admired more than any other he had ever seen, was going to make either alone or in conspiracy with someone who, for the present, was keeping in the background, a strenuous effort to obtain possession of the treasure. Now, however, if he believed his assurance that he had taken the precaution to put it in a totally inaccessible place, would she not attempt to beat him and give up the attempt?

Foster could not feel certain and he was exceeding curious to see what she would do next. He arranged to call for her the following morning, though in the circumstances, he would not have been astonished if she rang up to put him off. Nothing happening, he set forth on Tuesday in heavy rain keeping his taxi at Treadwell Mansion, and taking her to the Hotel Cecil. For once the subject of jewellery was not referred to, and she became so much like the Theresa he had known on the "Egeria," that he began almost to wonder whether he had, after all, not been tormenting himself unnecessarily.

"How few things are," she cried. "What I meant was that you should bring the box here—just for an hour, though it's true I should hate to let it go again. It would be per-

NEW BUNGALOWS AT \$2,000.

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an ordinary bungalow of the same size would cost—allowing \$2,000 for contractor's profit—at least \$18,000. It would be possible to build a very attractive all-concrete bungalow, with all the ornamentation that has been omitted from my experimental building, for \$8,000.

"I have shown this house to the Municipal Architect, and he is of the opinion that unquestionably something might be done along these lines to relieve the housing shortage in Singapore. A company is already building all-concrete houses at Kuala Lumpur for \$9,000 each, and there is undoubtedly scope for a company to carry out such construction in Singapore, where the large amount of building going at present is proof enough that it would be financial success. My object in putting up this house is to show how building cost can be reduced if you get away from expansive skilled labour and the ordinary method of brick construction, and I shall be very glad if anyone interested in the subject will come and see me."

Municipal Housing Policy.

Asked for his opinion of the Municipal housing policy, Mr. Dunman said he thought it was on the extravagant side. "There is no doubt that the new houses are in a rather sumptuous style," he remarked. "Very few people could afford to live in houses costing \$40,000, and I think the Municipal standard of housing is above that adopted by private firms employing Europeans in Singapore. I very much question whether the employees of such concerns as the A.P.C., the Banks, and the Cable Company are living in houses such as the Municipality are providing. If I were on the Municipal Commission to-day I would certainly consider whether the housing needs of the staff could not be met on a less lavish scale. After all, if terrace houses in Grove Road are considered good enough for certain grades of Government officials, and people in business and professional life are living in the Crescent Flats, there is no reason why people of a similar class in Municipal employment should have houses costing \$40,000."

Mr. Dunman also suggested that small concrete houses of the type he had demonstrated would be much more suitable for the subordinate staff than terrace houses costing \$8,000 each.

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2. Who is the king in Asia Minor, possessing fabulous wealth.

3. The "Red" Thunderbolts:

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note, 8; John Keats, 9; Gold Key,

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oysters, 12; ham, 13; biscuits, 14; Punic Wars,

15; the "Red" King, 16; the "Red" Queen, 17;

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SHANTUNG FAMINE.

TERrible CONDITIONS NOW REPORTED.

Peking, Feb. 24. Even owners of 100 mu of land are compelled to beg because of famine conditions in western Shantung, says a report from reliable sources by one correspondent of the China International Famine Relief Commission.

Trees, grass, weeds, cotton-seeds and what-not are used in place of food grain; chairs, tables, etc., are sold to keep their owners from starving; girls have to be sold or given away lest they die, and that this condition is due to complete crop failure, not to military oppression, is a point touched upon by the report received at the Head Office of the C.I.F.R.C. this morning. Passages of the original report:

"He reports that they investigated 43 villages to the West and Northwest of Lintsing, none of them more than 80 li from Lintsing city. He mentions two villages as being especially bad—Hsiao Hsi Li Chung and Ta Hsi Li Chung. In both of these places people are reduced to eating the leaves from the trees, grass, and weeds. Those who are a little better off are eating cotton seed, but there are few who can get the latter. In Hsiao Hsi Li Chung, the homes are bare. People have sold chairs, tables, and all they have to keep from starving. People with anywhere from 20 to 80 mu of land are starving along with the rest. This condition is due to the complete failure of crops not to military oppression.

In Tu Hsi Chuang, a village of some fifty families, only four or five are left, all the rest having left and become beggars due to all their livelihood being gone. People who had 80 and 100 mu of land are beggars like the rest.

"At Hung Kuen Ying, only 10 li out of Lintsing city, in one family that the investigator mentioned they are trying to either sell or give away two girls because they have no means of supporting them. He said that, in many cases, children were being sold or given away because the parents had no other way of keeping them from starving."

COOLIE KILLED.

FATAL FALL INTO SHIP'S COAL HOLD.

An accident which occurred on board the s.s. Tanda whilst in port on February 21, was recalled at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday when Mr. W. Schofield conducted an inquiry into the circumstances of the death of a coal coolie who was fatally injured by a fall into the coal hold.

The deceased, who was working on the vessel which was unloading coal at the Kailan Mining Administration Coal yard at Lai Chi Kok on the evening of February 21, was at the top of the No. 2 hold of the ship passing the baskets to the men at the bottom. It was while passing a basket down that he lost his balance and fell into the hold, sustaining a fracture of the skull from which he died almost immediately afterwards.

After hearing the evidence the jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

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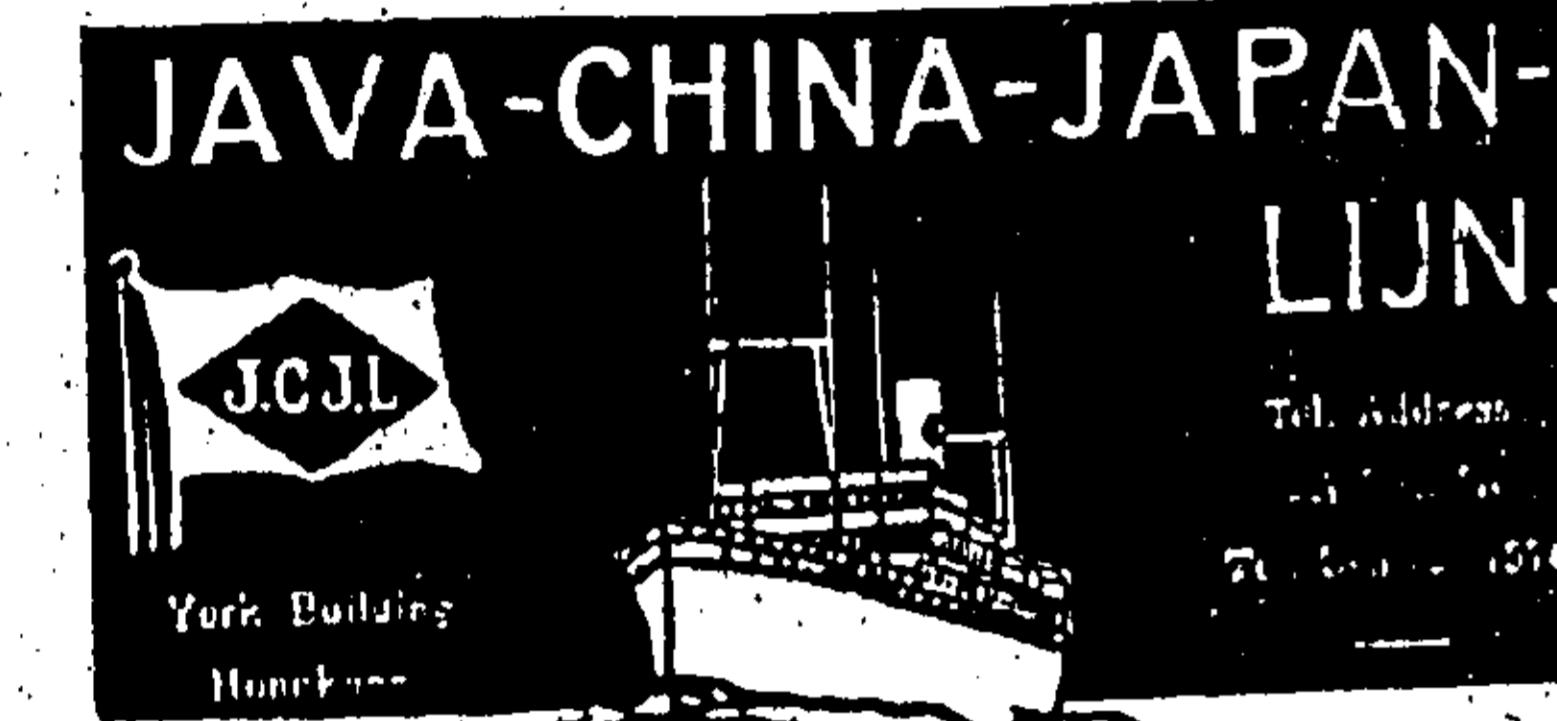
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A. BRITISH VETO.

NOTE TO SARWAT PASHA.

Cairo, Mar. 7.

Lord Lloyd has handed Sarwat Pasha a Note from the British Government dealing with the public assembly law as recently passed by the Egyptian Parliament.

The Note amounts to a British veto.

Considered Grave.

Later, A Cabinet meeting has decided that, as Sarwat Pasha has tendered his resignation, the present Ministry is unable to deal with the matter.

The newspapers gave prominence to the "grave" Note, which is reported to point out that recent Egyptian legislation weakens the authority of the executive to deal with the maintenance of public order and the protection of life and property.

The Note had hitherto been withheld in the hope that a general Anglo-Egyptian agreement would be reached, under which the Egyptian Government would assume the whole burden of maintaining order, but the failure of the negotiations has left Britain, under the terms of the declaration of 1922, the responsibility of protecting foreign interests.

The Note reserves the right to take steps necessary to meet Britain's obligations.

Executive Impeded.

It is learnt that the British Note does not expressly refer to the public assemblies law, but to general legislative administrative action impeding the power of the executive to protect foreign life and property. It may also be taken to refer to outside interference similarly affecting the proper authority of the executive, hence capable of the widest interpretation and creates a new and important element in the Egyptian political situation.

Nevertheless the Note was undoubtedly prompted by the law recently passed by the Parliament, but which has not yet received the King's assent, modifying the previous decree which prohibited demonstrations and regulated public meetings. The new measure permits demonstrations, and empowers the police to interfere only when unlawful acts are committed. The Parliament also rejected the Government's attempt to empower the police to control demonstrations in order to minimise interference with normal life.—Reuters.

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**DOCK COMPANY
REPORT.****GROSS PROFIT OF OVER
SEVEN LAKHS.**

The report of the Directors of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., for the year ending 31st December, 1927, states:

As shown by the Profit and Loss Account, the gross profit on working for the year ending 31st December, 1927, is \$700,564.33. After deducting interest, rates, Crown rent, insurance, directors' and auditors' fees and allowing the sum of \$62,017.81 for depreciation on buildings and plant, there remains a net profit for the year 1927 of \$133,436.99; To which must be added the amount brought forward from last year, \$68,614.11, making the amount at credit of profit and loss Account at 31st December, 1927, \$202,051.10, which it is recommended should be carried forward to next year.

Directors.—In accordance with Article No. 90 of the Company's Articles of Association, the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard and Mr. H. P. White retire by rotation, and offer themselves for re-election. The Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard has been appointed Chairman for the year 1928.

Auditors.—The accounts have been audited by Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews and Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming who retire and offer themselves for re-election.

**RAID ON LOCAL
"STILL."****BRANDY AND LABELS
SEIZED.**

A raid by Revenue Officers on a house in Queen's Road West, yesterday, resulted in the seizure of a quantity of "local" brandy and various ingredients for its manufacture.

Among other things seized were labels bearing the words "Star Brand Port Wine. Manufactured in England." A number of bottles were also seized and instead of the usual Excise label on the capsule, there were tobacco labels of Macao origin.

Five men said to be concerned in the running of this illicit still were formally remanded at the Magistracy, this morning.

**NEW GERMAN MINE
DISASTER.****SIX KILLED AND EIGHTEEN
ENTOMBED.**

Berlin, March 7. Six miners have been killed and eighteen others are entombed as the result of a fire-damp explosion in a mine at Ludwigsdorf.

RUBBER QUESTION.

Penang, March 8. The chamber of commerce has passed a resolution in favour of the continuance of the present rubber restriction for at least twelve months to enable the civil research authorities to thoroughly investigate the question.—Reuter.

**TREATY REJECTED
BY EGYPT.**

(Continued from Page 1.)

gaging services of foreign officials will give preference to British subjects. Other nationalities only to be engaged if qualified Britshers are not available.

Article Nine, Britain to support Egypt in obtaining the consent of the Powers to the modification of capitulations in order to conform with the closer spirit of the time and to meet the present conditions.

Article Ten, Britain to support Egypt's request for admission to the League of Nations. Egypt declares herself ready to accept conditions of admission.

Article Eleven, the British representative in Egypt to be an Ambassador with precedence over all other foreign representatives.

League Obligations.

Article Twelve provides that the rights and obligations devolving upon either party under the Convention of the League are not to be prejudiced by the treaty.

Article Thirteen refers to the annexes in which the arrangements for carrying out the Treaty are set out.

Article Fourteen, the parties agree that any disagreement on the applications be dealt with in accordance with the provision of the League Covenant.—Reuter.

British Officials Unchanged.

London, Mar. 8. Annex One of the Egyptian draft treaty elaborates the procedure proposed for carrying out Article Seven.

Annex Two provides for Egypt to appoint in agreement with the British Government, financial and judicial advisers. The number, status and functions of the British officials now engaged in the public security and police services to remain unchanged pending the modification of the caputulatory system.

In a despatch to Lord Lloyd, dated March 1st, Sir Austen Chamberlain refers to the former's telegraphed report on the conversation with Nahas Pasha, the leader of the Wafd, who had stated that he felt it useless to discuss what advantages the various clauses of the treaty would have for Egypt since the instrument failed to provide for the complete evacuation by British troops.

Realities of Situation.

Sir Austen says that Nahas seemed no more inclined to recognise the realities of the situation than did Zaghloul Pasha four years ago, when Mr. Ramsay MacDonald made it clear that:

"No British Government in the light of the experience of the late war can divest itself wholly, even in favour of an ally, of its interest in guarding such a vital link in the British communications as the Suez Canal. Such security must be a feature of any agreement."

Sir Austen Chamberlain adds it was Sarwat's recognition of these realities which made it possible to negotiate the treaty and it is Nahas' refusal to recognise them which will again make a settlement impossible.

Note to Egypt.

Sir Austen authorised Lord Lloyd when the treaty was rejected to send the following note to the Egyptian Government, "The British Government have for some time past viewed with misgiving certain legislative proposals in the Egyptian Parliament which, if they were to become law, would be likely seriously to weaken the

**BRITAIN'S USE OF
BOXER FUNDS.****MUST WAIT FOR STABILITY
OF AUTHORITY.**

London, March 7. The use of the Boxer Indemnity funds was the subject of a question in the House of Commons to-day, when Mr. G. Locker-Lampson replied that though British relations with the various regional administrations in China had greatly improved, it was not yet clear that they had achieved any degree of permanency or stability of authority.

It was therefore useless, he said, to attempt to give effect to the recommendations of the Boxer Indemnity Commission as the Boxer money must be used for the welfare of the whole of China.—Reuter.

**INDIAN RAILWAYMEN
ON STRIKE.****AUTHORITIES CLOSE DOWN
THE WORKS.**

Calcutta, March 7. The East Indian Railway authorities have decided to close down the Lillimah workshops, as the staff is not working. Over fourteen thousand men are involved.

The men are striking for increased wages, the unskilled workers claiming double pay and the skilled workers a 25 per cent. increase. The authorities state that it is impossible to comply with the demands.—Reuter.

SMUGGLED MUNITIONS.**FOUND ABOARD YANGTSZE
STEAMER.**

Ichang, Mar. 7. The British Commissioner of Customs has taken charge of a quantity of ammunition which was found on an upper river steamer. The ammunition had been smuggled on board.—Naval Wireless.

hands of the administrative authorities responsible for maintaining order and for the protection of life and property, in Egytpt.

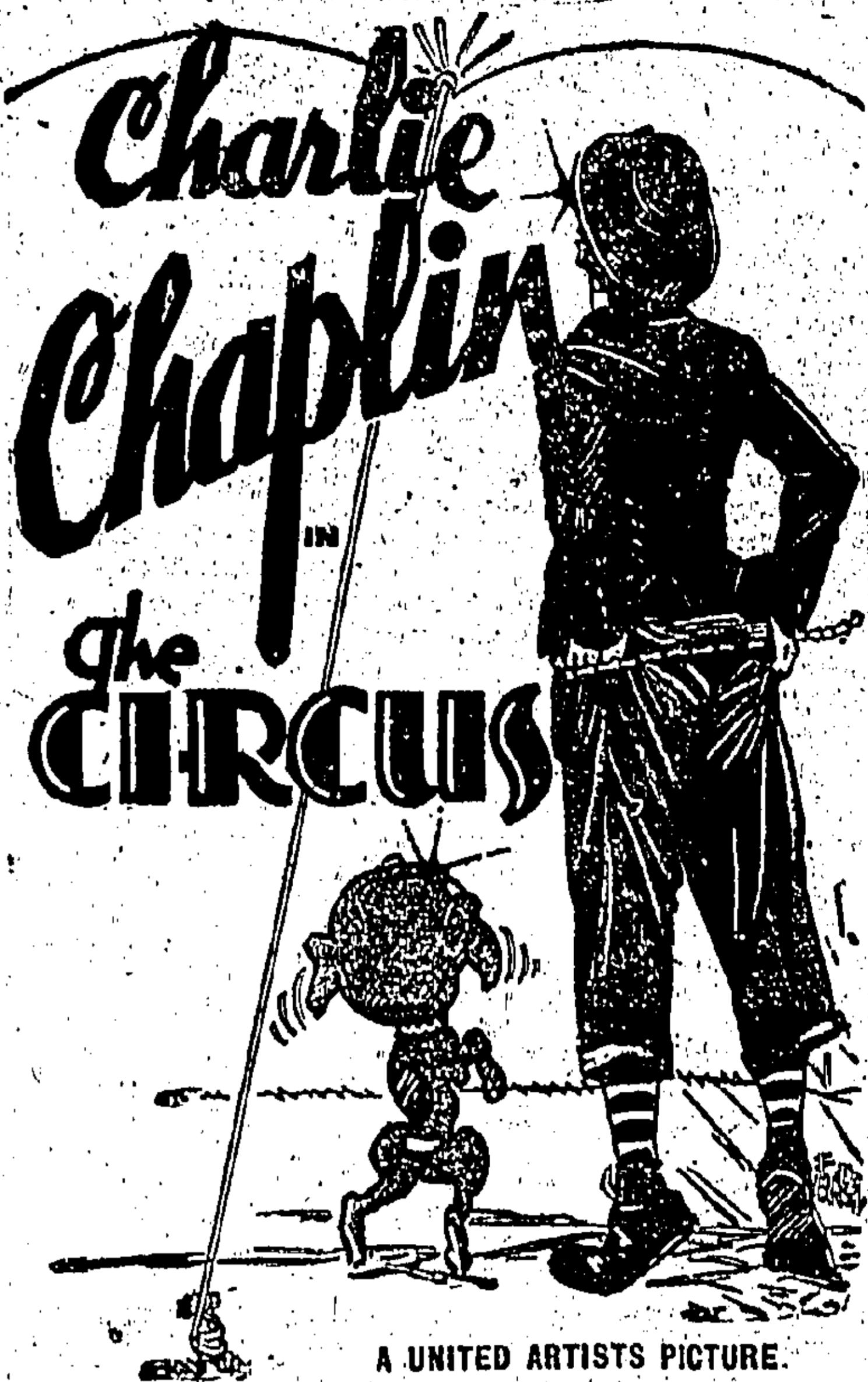
"So long as there was any prospect of an early conclusion of a treaty of alliance which would define the new responsibilities and rights of the two parties the British Government were content to refrain from all comment in the expectation that they might rely with confidence on the Egyptian Government to avoid legislation which might make it impossible for the Egyptian Administration to discharge successfully increased responsibilities inherent in the treaty regime.

Right Reserved.

"Now that the conversations with the Egyptian Government have failed the British Government cannot permit the discharge of any of their responsibilities under the declaration of February 23rd, 1922, to be endangered whether by the Egyptian legislation of the nature indicated or by administrative action, and they reserve the right to take such steps as, in their view, the situation may demand."

The White paper concludes with the terms of the Egyptian Government's rejection of the treaty on the plea that it legalises the occupation of the country by British forces.—Naval Wireless.

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